

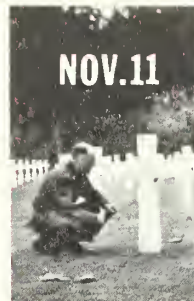
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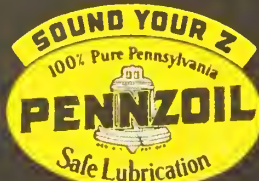
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E. Pendleton Turner
Washington, D. C.

THE AMERICAN LEGION READER

Sir: In your June issue you announced the long-promised book containing many fine anti-communist articles, plus other material. Tentative title, *The American Legion Reader*. Can see why that was—tentative—likely it didn't seem too good a one to the folks considering it. 'Tain't easy to name the critter, especially not knowing what's in it, but maybe something like this—*The Alert Citizen, Truth & Freedom, Today's Citizen, Citizenship Manual*—for the American family, with picture of a typical American family on the cover and with an American flag in evidence, and maybe a small Legion cap in the corner, or photo of a sailor or service man so close observation will show someone in the family must have been in Korea.

Luther F. Meyer
Fort Wayne, Ind.

▼ It's going to be *The American Legion Reader*, it's going to have more than 500 pages, and the cover will bear the Legion emblem. **Editors**

AGIN THEM ALL

Sir: I have just been reading *How to Understand Communism* by Victor Lasky in the August issue. Although I

volunteered and served for eighteen months in War I, volunteered and served as a non-com for three years in War II, Mr. Lasky has just proved that I am a pinko, a subversive, and lots of other things. Probably orders will come down from above for my Legion membership to be cancelled. Lasky points to McCarthy, Pegler, Fulton Lewis, Jr., Budenz, George Rascy Jordan, Chambers, Bentley, etc., as patriotic Americans whose writings should be heeded. And I'm agin them all. If I had sold the U.S. out to the Japs I could now be making big dough writing books and *The American Legion Magazine* would call me a great patriot. Too late now though. Radar's gone way past me.

Earl W. Tate
Yucca, Arizona

LIKED "CHAPLAIN"

Sir: I have just read, and re-read, John Wesley Noble's, *The Chaplain of Upchuck* in your August issue. I consider it to be one of the most forceful short stories I have ever read—and one of the best. Judging solely by this one story, I am of the firm opinion that Mr. Noble is destined to make a mark for himself in the so-called "literary world."

Walter D. Perry
Morgan, Utah



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Sir: If the Red Chinese force their way into the United Nations they can thank the British for running interference for them. In return the British are hopeful of carrying on a profitable trade with their red friends. Apparently, our diplomats are no match for the gentlemen from 10 Downing St., so this looks like one for the American people to think about. I see more and more British goods being offered for sale in this country—shoes, clothing, automobiles, etc. So long as the British

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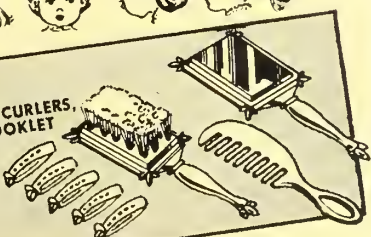
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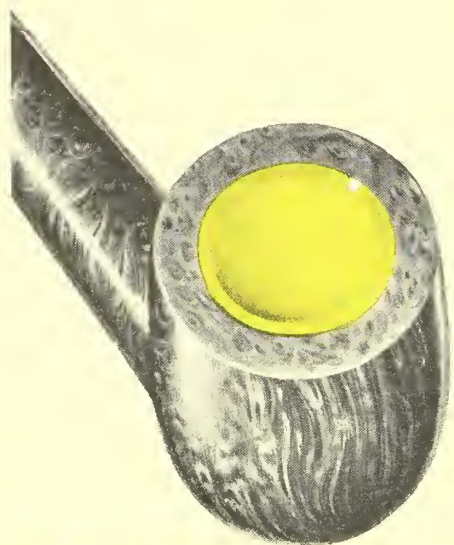
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FATAL FASCINATION

"WHY is it that so many well-educated people fall for communism?"

This question, which apparently puzzles many Americans, is often followed by the comment:

"There must be something to communism if it attracts such people."

Actually communism does have an appeal to a certain type of intellect because it deals with human relationships in a way that stresses the "scientific."

The world today contains about two-billion people, each one a problem to himself and to the other 1,999,999,999. This makes for a certain amount of friction, even chaos, and the result is a state of affairs that is exasperating to some mentalities. Why can't we have a society in which people can be made to react like chains of molecules or chemicals in a test tube? Communism, with its "dialectical materialism," promises just that.

The approach would be highly scientific. As in animal husbandry, breeding would be controlled so that the State would have the best stock for its purposes. The sick and the troublesome, especially those afflicted with individuality, would be segregated from orderly communistic society—as we see them segregated today in Siberian labor camps. There would be an orderly pattern to existence because the politicians who run the State would tolerate no ideas or action contrary to what they think best.

Missing from this Great Plan of the communists and their followers, however, are two significant factors — God, and the fact that man differs from other animals because God has given man a soul. Realistic communists recognize the danger from those two sources and act accordingly. Our so-called brilliant people, in their wisdom, consider them unimportant, mere superstitions which can be educated out of "the common man."

There is one other thing they overlook — the fact that man wants freedom.

OMELET-FANCIERS

CURIOSLY, many of the people who have a hankering for the scientifically precise Marxian world are as kind and gentle as you can imagine. The very thought of physical violence is abhorrent to them. At the same time, they are unmoved by the slaughter and brutalities of the communists as they enforce their "dialectical materialism."

Ask a confirmed Marxist why and you get the answer:

"You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs."

It is unfortunate that these egg-heads can't spend a few months or years in Siberian prison camps to learn the simple fact that eggs and human beings are different in many respects.

CONCERNING LOUIS JOHNSON

FORMER National Commanders of The American Legion have a way of turning up where important news is being made, a fact which is illustrated by a reference to Louis Johnson in a recent issue of *Coronet Magazine*. In an article *How We Almost Missed the H-Bomb*, our former National Commander is given much of the credit for forcing the development of this potent weapon. Opposing him was "a league of frightened men" which included scientists and government officials. Lewis L. Strauss, who felt that this country's defense required the H-Bomb, was a minority of one in the Atomic Energy Commission when Louis Johnson, then Secretary of Defense, joined forces with him. With his aid, Strauss was able to overcome the opposition of "the frightened men."

It can also be revealed that our Louis, when Secretary of Defense, made another great contribution. Probably the most glorious page of history written by American arms in Korea was the Inchon landing. So daring was General MacArthur's plan that it ran into opposition from other "frightened men." And there again it was Secretary Johnson's intercession which forced the issue.

FALSE PROF-ETTES

THEY'RE still teaching Keynesian economics, we hear, but it must become increasingly tough on the professors who push this line. Even if they don't understand what's going on in the world, some of their independent-minded students must be asking embarrassing questions. For instance, they must be asking why it is that the promised land of the Keynesians, England, is virtually bankrupt and would long since have collapsed if billions from free enterprise America hadn't propped her up. Certainly there must be questions as to why Western Germany made such an amazing comeback after it turned thumbs down on economic collectivism and went to work on a non-Keynesian basis. We can also think of some questions concerning France which might give socialist-minded professors a hard time, especially if the students ask for comparisons with Belgium, which is now doing well under free enterprise.

There's no denying that some of the professors are pretty glib, and many of the freshmen and sophomores they confront are ill-equipped to separate fact from fiction. But we'll bet that as the brighter students mature and see what is happening outside the ivy-covered walls they force some of their professors to start looking for answers that aren't there.

Certainly some of our mail from undergraduates causes us to think so.

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TIME TO WIND

All sorts of amazing improvements are being built into watches these days, but Hamilton-Illinois has come up with one that deserves special mention. Incorporated in their new automatic self-winding watch, is a feature called Signamatic, a window in the watch dial, which tells how many hours it will continue to run when it is not worn. The watch with this added attraction is made of stainless steel, is shockproof, anti-magnetic, and waterproof, and has 17 jewels. It has embossed numerals and markers, luminous hands and dots. With a leather strap it retails for \$65, with a flexible band \$69.95, tax included.



NO STRAIN, NO DANGER

The troublesome and sometimes dangerous job of hanging storm windows is simplified with a recently patented device which makes it possible to put up storm windows from inside the house. Called the Eas-All Storm Window Mounting Support, it is a triangular metal frame which you put out through the window opening, resting its legs on the window ledge. The storm window is slid out the window, supported by upcurved arms of the support, and then moved back to engage the hooks. The support is then pulled back into the house and moved to the next window. The manufacturer is Pre-Tested Products Co., 17 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md., and the price is \$14.95 F.O.B. Baltimore.

WHAT'LL THEY THINK OF NEXT?

All sorts of scientific principles are employed in a new kind of ash tray which not only holds butts but puts them out. When a cigarette is placed in a groove opposite a miniature fireman, and is allowed to burn down beyond the inner edge of the bowl, a thermal release mechanism causes water to be ejected from the fire-

man's hose. This dousing, of course, causes the cigarette to go out. This combination ash tray, safety device and conversation piece is called the Squirt Ash Tray, and is being offered for \$2.00 postpaid by the Wonder Bar Shop, P.O. Box 425, Trenton, N. J.

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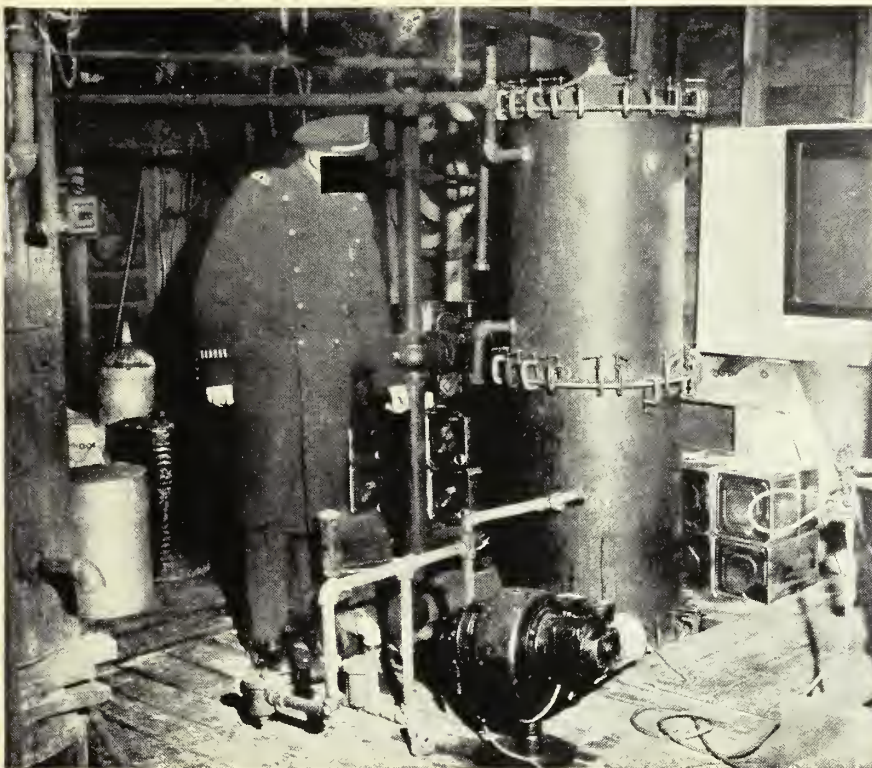
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When Federal agents and local police raided a farm at Walpole, near Boston, Mass., in February, 1953, they destroyed this illegal still, which they estimated cost the Government \$10,000 in lost taxes *every week it operated at capacity*. Nine 700-gallon capacity mash vats also were found. Officials said the still probably had operated for two years.



Two 1,000-gallon stills and other equipment, estimated by Alcohol Tax Unit officers to cost at least \$100,000 to build and install, were seized in a Kensington, Pa., furniture plant. Elaborate and expensive installations like this are indicative of the huge profit to be made in illegal distilling.



The East was the first target of the bootleg syndicates, but today the racket is sweeping across the country. Distilling equipment above was seized in Detroit in July, 1953.

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In 1944, when the Federal rate jumped from \$6 to \$9 a gallon, organized crime began to move in; since November, 1951, with a \$10.50 a gallon "tax advantage", bootlegging in metropolitan areas has begun to rival Prohibition's worst.

The 1944 and 1951 increases, supposedly "temporary", have long outlived their use-

fulness. They have encouraged the ever-growing production of a filthy product that in a single shocking instance put 41 Georgia people in coffins and over 200 in hospitals.

Today, thousands of Americans are risking their health by drinking bootleg whiskey. Priced out of the legal liquor market by the prohibitive Federal tax, they are fair game for the bootlegger and his vicious product.

Federal enforcement staffs are undermanned. Yet last year they seized 10,685 outlaw stills; state and local authorities captured over 10,000 more. *So long as a fantastic profit remains in each bottle of tax-cheating bootleg whiskey, effective law*

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GEORGE'S PRIVATE GEESE

Nothing was too good for this veteran, and the old guide had an appropriate treasure.

By CRAFT DEWEY

IT WAS the first time old George had seen geese in the field in four years. They flew now, six of them, rising above the dark line of trees at the edge of the corn. Their wings were a pattern of symmetry in the November sky.

The old darky cut his motor. He sat back in the little boat and watched them fly. He sat quite motionless, his big, gnarled hands gripping the gunwales tightly.

He had come upon them quite suddenly. The high wind had forced him in close to the shore and he had jumped them as he turned the point where the cornfield began and ran along the water's edge for a quarter of a mile.

The music of their gabbling came down to him on the wind. Of all the sounds on the lake, this was the one he never tired of hearing.

The old fellow had scouted the area well this afternoon. In his double role as caretaker and most-sought-after guide at the

Round-Pond Club, he frequently found himself expending what he considered to be "extra effort." This afternoon had been a good example. It was Friday and the policy of the club was to rest the ducks on Thursdays and Fridays. Generally on these days when there was no shooting the guides took holidays. But old George had looked at it altogether differently. A sense of professional pride had driven him out on the lake soon after lunch. He had run his boat from one end to the other. He had pushed through the flooded timberlands around the edges and had observed carefully where the ducks were milling and concentrating. Tonight, when the members drew straws to see who would guide them in the morning, he wanted to be sure he could tell his party not to worry. He would know where they were. Moreover, it always meant a boost to his already stalwart reputation and perhaps an extra

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"Now git up and git you a goose," said George softly.



CARIBBEAN

Diverted by what is happening in Europe and Asia, few Americans realize that the communists have taken over Guatemala and are using it as their Latin American beachhead.



CANCER

By J. B. MATTHEWS

THE PENETRATION of Latin America by communists threatens the security of the Western Hemisphere. Not far from our own southern border, the enemy has the equivalent of a military beachhead and a base for propaganda, espionage, and sabotage against the Americas.

Guatemala is two hours by air from the Panama Canal and less than three hours from Texas. It has airports built by the United States during the war which are now in the hands of a communist-dominated government, a government which declares anti-communism to be subversive, which confiscates the property of United States investors, and which uses government funds for anti-United States propaganda paralleling Radio Moscow.

In Panama itself, some of the men who turn the valves and physically control the Canal are among the remnants of the United Public Workers of America, one of the unions expelled from the C.I.O. in 1950 on charges of communist domination. There is no doubt that communist activity in Panama was largely responsible for the defeat of the U.S.-Panama defense bases agreement in December 1947.

The communist success in Latin America cannot be laughed off as another "revolution." [Revolutions are almost as common as elections among some of our Southern neighbors.] The communism of Latin America is a part of the Kremlin-directed conspiracy against the free world, particularly the United States.

The ties with the international communist apparatus are unmistakable:

- In many Caribbean countries the Communist Party functions in the open with red flags flying, and the hammer and sickle and the pictures of Soviet leaders emblazoned on posters and leaflets.

- The hand of Moscow can be seen in the management of communist parties. In Guatemala, for example, when two communists emerged as leaders of two different groups, one, Victor Manuel Gutierrez, took a trip to the Soviet Union. Upon his return the two groups were merged

ILLUSTRATED BY LOWELL HESS

into a unified party under the leadership of his rival, Jose Manuel Fortuny.

- Prominent Latin American communists openly visit the Soviet Union and international communist conferences. Many communist leaders, for example, attended the International Peace Conference at Peking in 1952.

- Latin America has afforded asylum to convicted top United States communist leaders who



Vicente Lombardo Toledano, the Kremlin's top man in Latin America.

jumped bail in 1949. Gus Hall, U.S. Communist Party secretary, was captured in Mexico and returned to the United States in 1951. According to reliable reports, two other United States communist leaders convicted at the same time, Henry Winston and Gilbert Green, are hiding at a Guatemalan government power plant deep in the jungle near Quezaltenango.

Although today the communist conspiracy flourishes most successfully and openly in Guatemala, it is not confined to any one country. In fact, the communists in various Latin American countries help each other without regard to national boundaries. For many years, Vicente Lombardo Toledano used Mex-

ico as a center from which to infiltrate existing labor organizations and to create new ones throughout the Western Hemisphere.

In recent years, Guatemala has been the headquarters of communist agitators in the Caribbean. The governments of Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, and Nicaragua have all sent Guatemalan ambassadors home a-running during the past five years because of their communist intrigues. Last year, President Osorio of El Salvador blamed Guatemalan communists for the plot to overthrow his government which resulted in a thirty-day siege; and last January the El Salvadoran national police announced they had prevented the assassination of the foreign relations minister by "a group of international gangsters."

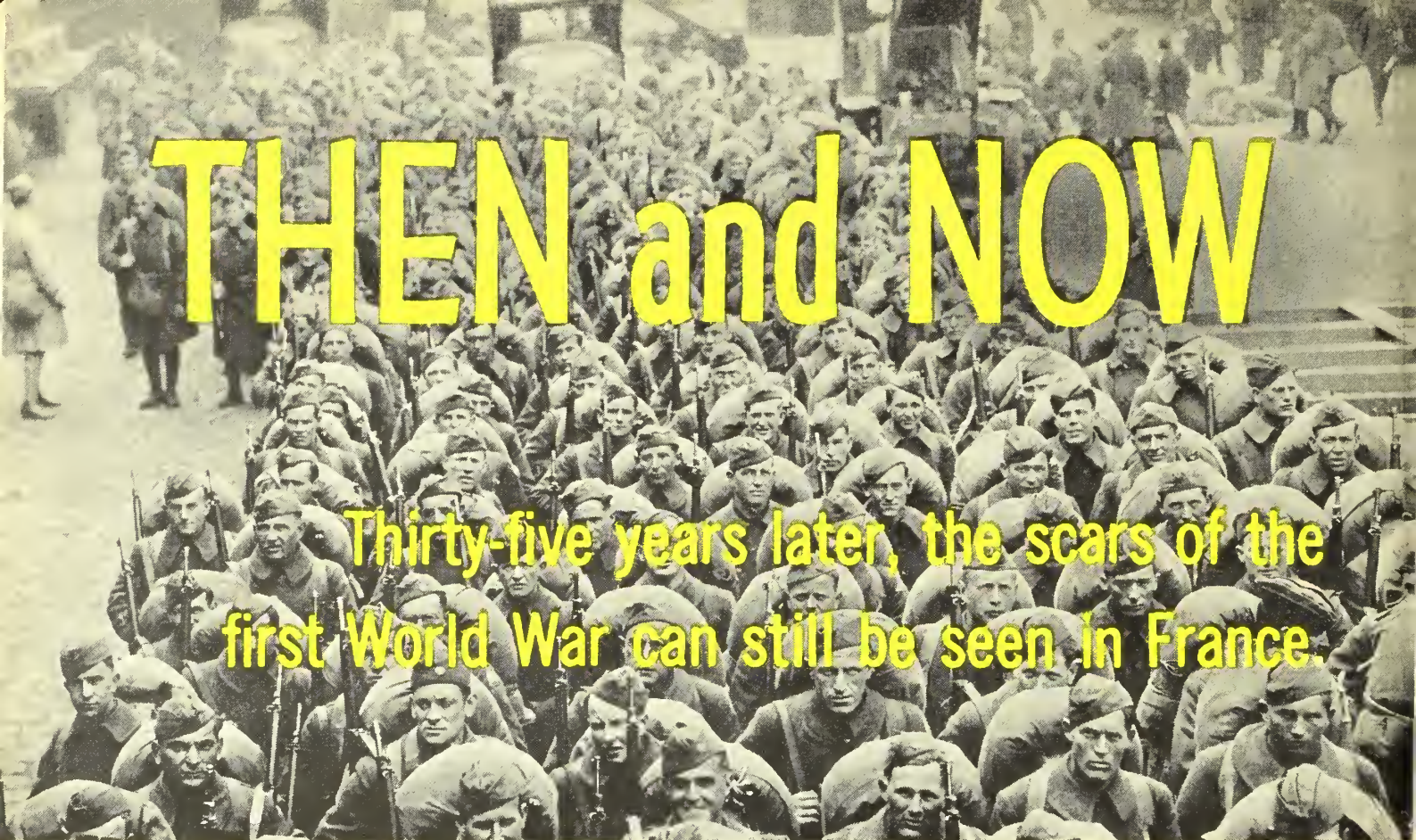
Bolivian Indian farmers supporting the communist agitation for land reform last February engaged in a terrorist campaign against farmers unwilling to join a farmers' syndicate.

Carlos Peña Botto, a Brazilian anti-communist, reported last January that the communists had an 18,000-man guerilla army in the jungles of south central Brazil. Later, Dominican President Rafael Leonidas Trujillo charged that communist shock troops were being trained in Guatemala to foment revolutions in the Caribbean area.

For obvious strategic reasons, the communist conspirators have concentrated their most intensive efforts in Central America and the Caribbean area, although they are active, to a greater or lesser degree, in every country south of the Rio Grande, including Argentina. The recent rebellion in Cuba in which more than one hundred persons were killed, had communist origins, according to President Fulgencio Batista in an exclusive interview with a representative of this magazine.

Guatemala today provides a blueprint of what the communists hope to achieve eventually in every Latin American country. The government is riddled with communists in key positions. Only eight out of fifty-six members of the 1953 Congress are anti-communist. It was the only legislative body this side of the Iron Curtain to pay silent tribute

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Thirty-five years later, the scars of the first World War can still be seen in France.

What outfit is this? If you can identify this unit landing in France in 1917, let's hear from you.

AT 11:00 A.M. on November 11, 1918, the guns which had been thundering over France for more than four years were silenced. Now thirty-five years later the doughboy of WW1 can still see, despite the intervening years and another war, the remains of his trenches and dugouts and the beautifully kept cemeteries which are the last bivouac of thousands of his buddies. Another generation has grown up since the "war to end war" and to them Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood, St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne are names spoken occasionally by those who fought there. For those who never knew, as well as those who were there, we present this brief pictorial review of the AEF in France.

To match the pictures of the campaigns of 1918 which were drawn from the files, photographer Angela Calomiris returned to the scene this year. The photographs were matched as accurately as terrain and historical records would allow. The battlefields, the scars and the people who remember the bitter struggle will eventually disappear. Even now the devastation is being softened by new growth, but the courage and fighting ability of this great American Army abroad will remain as a page in the history of our time. To remind us all of their sacrifice here is France—then and now.

ALL 1953 PHOTOS BY ANGELA CALOMIRIS



1918 PANNES
Small streams, woods and swampy areas, interspersed with towns like Pannes, shown here, made up the area of the St. Mihiel salient. ▶

On May 28, 1918, the 1st Division, AEF captured Cantigny, and despite strong counterattacks by German troops, held fast. It was this battle which demonstrated the abilities of the American Army to the Allied forces and gave them hope for

victory. The Cantigny operation was the end of one phase of the German Army's attempt to destroy the British forces holding the northern sector and to push on to Paris. The monument marks the first major battlefield of American troops in France.

1918 CANTIGNY



CANTIGNY 1953



1918 CHATEAU THIERRY**CHATEAU THIERRY 1953**

The pontoon bridges are gone but the river and most of the houses remain. Checked in the north, the German Army launched another attack farther south. Its objective was Paris. In a drive which carried them 30 miles they came to Chateau-Thierry where units of the 3rd Division met them on May 31. The 2nd Division,

which was lent to the French Army by General Pershing, took up its position near here on June 1, directly across the main route to Paris. Here the Germans were stopped. Five days later the 2nd Division, which included a brigade of Marines, launched a counterattack at Belleau Wood, and eventually took the position.

1918 ST. MIHIEL

St-Baussant was captured early on the first day of the St. Mihiel offensive by the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. Here elements of the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, are moving up on the second day. The reduction of the St. Mihiel salient was the first major operation conducted by the newly organized American 1st Army.

ST. MIHIEL 1953

Prior to this, American units had served with the French and British forces to stem the German advance. When the enemy offensives ended, General Pershing insisted upon the creation of an independent American Army and its assignment to an important sector. By war's end the 2nd Army was in action.

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The salient which extended 16 miles into the Allied lines had been developed by the Germans for four years. As long as it existed no major Allied offensive toward Sedan or along the Meuse-Argonne could succeed. Reduction of the salient in less than two weeks bolstered the morale of the Allies and proved that no German position was impregnable.

The 14-inch gun firing near Verdun was part of the great barrage which preceded the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Mannned by Navy crews, four of these guns saw action and they were the only American-made cannon which fired in France during World War 1. The Meuse-Argonne offensive, which was to end the war began on September 26, 1918. Its primary objective was the cutting of the Metz-Sedan railroad. The massing of men and equipment for the operation has become a classic example of staff work and logistics.

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THE MEUSE-ARGONNE OFFENSIVE**1918 VERDUN****VERDUN 1953**

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THEN & NOW
35 YEARS LATER

1918 FLEURY



Along the front lines some of which remained nearly stationary for more than four years, the devastation was so complete as to be un-repairable. In the St. Mihiel sector, Fleury was one of the horrible examples of what modern warfare is. By 1916 the town was obliterated and today only this marker, right, remains as a reminder of a once-happy and peaceful town. The foundation on which the monument is placed is made from stones and other materials of the village. The dugouts cut into the hillside served as a Divisional Headquarters.

FLEURY 1953



1918 VAUX



Vaux was one of the points of deepest penetration by the German Army in its 1918 spring offensive. The attacks and counterattacks in this area marked some of the fiercest fighting of the war. When the German commanders realized that American troops were

VAUX 1953



blocking their way to Paris they issued orders that as much damage as possible be inflicted on them. Belleau Woods, Chateau-Thierry and other battlefields are commemorated by the Aisne-Marne Memorial located between Vaux and Chateau-Thierry.

Metz, which had been lost to Germany in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, was one of the key cities together with Sedan in the supply and movement of the German Army. Near Metz the secondary German defense lines converged forming a deep, heavily fortified area. The St. Mihiel salient jutting into the Allied lines west of

Metz had served as an additional protection for the vital city. With the St. Mihiel salient reduced, the 1st Army launched its attack north of Verdun to cut the Metz-Sedan railroad, divide the German Armies and force their retreat from Northern France and Belgium. In 47 days they accomplished their objective.

1918 METZ



METZ 1953



1918 CUNEL**1918 EXERMONT****CUNEL 1953****EXERMONT 1953**

Cunel today is a peaceful town with few reminders of the war. In October of 1918, however, it was the scene of bitter fighting by the 80th, 3rd, and 5th Divisions. The town was captured several times but not held because German forces dominated the terrain from the woods behind the town. In the immediate area are the well-remembered battlefields of Madeleine Farm, Romagne, Cote Dame Marie and others. The fighting in the Cunel-Romagne sector is described in official records as among the most severe and sustained in all history. The Germans recognized the importance of the American offensive in an order issued to the troops which said, "The fate of a large portion of the Western Front, perhaps of our nation, depends on the firm holding of the Verdun Front." The pressure on the German troops in the Meuse-Argonne forced their high command to divert divisions from other sectors. By September 29th they realized that destruction of their armies was imminent and urged the Government to make an offer of peace to the Allies immediately. Overtures were made by October 6.

By November 1, the Allied Armies had forced the German forces to begin a withdrawal all along the front to avoid complete defeat. On November 7th the 1 Corps reached the heights overlooking Sedan and cut the railroad which had been the objective of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The importance of Sedan to the Germans was shown in their use of reserves to stop the American advance in this sector, despite the fact that the entire front was aflame and needed support. With Sedan under Allied domination, the end of the war in 1918 was assured.

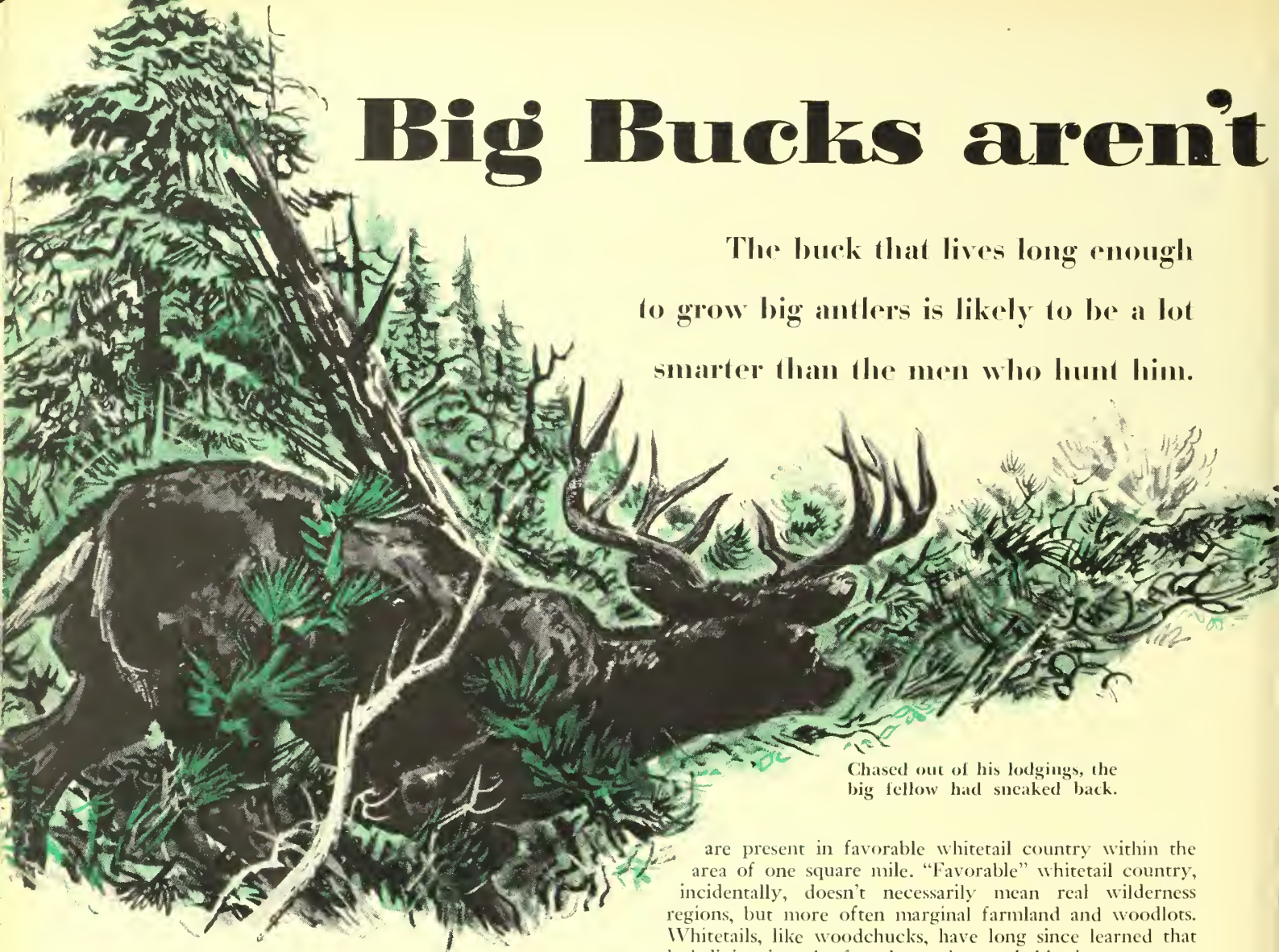
From the ruins of Montfaucon rises the imposing Meuse-Argonne Memorial commemorating the great offensive of the American 1st Army and the French forces which earlier had served on this battlefield.

**1918 BUZANCY****BUZANCY 1953**

The houses in Buzancy still have scars from rifle and machine-gun fire which riddled the town in early November, 1918. Finally captured on November 2, Buzancy was the crossroads over which supplies for the 80th and 77th Divisions had to pass. The German artillery shelled the town almost continuously for days, effectively slowing up the advance along this front.

Big Bucks aren't

The buck that lives long enough
to grow big antlers is likely to be a lot
smarter than the men who hunt him.



Chased out of his lodgings, the
big fellow had sneaked back.

A FIVE or six-year-old buck deer, in the full prime of horned and physical maturity, is one of the finest game trophies on this or any other continent. And it matters not whether the animal is a mule deer from Colorado's high country, or one of those veteran skulkers of Maine's cedar swamps, the whitetail.

Any hunter lucky or skillful enough to drop such an animal has little reason to look enviously at more spectacular game heads brought back from Alaska or Africa. It's an established fact that time, money and the services of a good "white hunter" are all that are needed to assure success on an African safari. And it isn't exactly a secret that first-trip city sports seldom come out of Alaska or the Yukon without the trophies they sought. But there still are many thousands of perennial deer hunters in this country who have yet to shoot a respectable buck.

The boys roll home with legal deer in the tens of thousands, but those old 250-pound smashers with massive 10 and 12-point racks are conspicuously few on car fenders. Perhaps no more than one in 20 successful hunters returns with a really good buck. And with the odds about five to one against the average hunter coming home with any kind of legal deer, it isn't difficult to understand why those big fellows are spread around so thinly.

It's a mistake to assume their comparative scarcity on camp game racks reflects their scarcity in the woods. Big bucks are around in good deer country—plenty of them. It would be no exaggeration to say that four such animals

are present in favorable whitetail country within the area of one square mile. "Favorable" whitetail country, incidentally, doesn't necessarily mean real wilderness regions, but more often marginal farmland and woodlots. Whitetails, like woodchucks, have long since learned that lush living is to be found near human habitations.

If it were possible to make an accurate check it's likely the same distribution quota would hold for Columbian blacktails in the Coast Range. The big Tillamook burn region in northwestern Oregon, from which have come some terrific blacktail specimens in recent years, is such a place. Buck mule deer perhaps are more scattered on their natural range, on the average, but that disadvantage to the hunter is offset by the fact that mule deer inhabit more open country than their smaller relatives, and are more easily seen.

What, then, makes the shooting of a trophy buck such an infrequent and chancy thing?

First, big bucks aren't knuckleheads. Any buck which has survived four or five seasons in heavily hunted localities—and what area isn't heavily hunted these days?—is certain to have learned a lot about man and how to avoid danger. When such antlered smarties are shot, it's either because they were out-manuevered by a veteran hand, or fell victim to some lucky character who happened by pure chance to be in the right place at the right time.

Another factor is that the hunter is pitting his inferior physical equipment against an animal blessed with excellent eyesight and unsurpassed senses of smell and hearing.

Furthermore, the huntsman is operating over the deer's home grounds, with which the animal is far more familiar than its human pursuer. Nor does the hunter always operate intelligently, due to inexperience or lack of knowledge of the terrain. So actually the odds favor the deer except in the gun and brain departments, and in some instances it isn't unlikely the animal enjoys a slight edge in gray matter.

Knuckleheads

By RAY TRULLINGER



Last spring this writer was vastly amused by some "expert" deer-hunting advice, which appeared in a hunting annual, wherein the author low-rated a deer's intelligence, eyesight and sense of smell. "Take advantage of its blunted sense of smell and don't waste too much time worrying about the direction of the wind," he advised. He attributed the deer's "blunted" smell to the fact the animals now live in close proximity to man. That keen-nosed hunting dogs have been living with man for centuries without in any way suffering impairment of their scenting ability apparently never entered the gentleman's head.

The matter of a deer's eyesight and intelligence was settled to this writer's entire satisfaction in the long ago past, but three seasons ago on the side of a brushy, windswept ridge in Maine, I was witness to clinching proof. Two of us were working along the slope when my companion stopped suddenly and murmured, "Look at that big illegitimate stand- ing over there."

Now in still-hunting whitetails one does not usually scan distant terrain, but watches immediate surroundings. For that reason I at first failed to see the animal, standing broad-side to us on a flat perhaps 500 yards away.

Despite that distance, and the fact we were wearing inconspicuous clothing and were heavily screened by brush, with no more than our heads showing, that deer had already spotted us—perhaps even before my companion had seen the animal. Furthermore, it was plain the buck knew he'd been seen, and realized there was trouble afoot.

The deer was at least 200 yards beyond the effective range of the "brush" rifles both of us were carrying, so we just stood motionless and awaited his next move. It wasn't long in coming. He took off on the run. In the opposite direction.

Poor eyesight? Low intelligence?

In the same country there's a long, wooded point which projects out into a four-mile-long lake. It's a favorite feeding ground for deer, and a good spot to shoot one provided three or four hunters can reach the point's base by water and intercept the animals' retreat to the mainland. That strategy is effective only when the wind is blowing directly on the point from the lake, or on still, calm days. But even when the wind is favorable, our careful approach in a canoe from the opposite side of the lake, one quarter of a mile away, frequently is detected. Not because the animals see or even hear us, but because they whiff the human invasion from afar

and promptly take off before a safe retreat is barred.

Hunters shouldn't kid themselves about a deer's beeper being "blunted."

The number of ways in which a deer hunter can blow a fine opportunity are many and varied. In fact, it can be said that a hunter's progress from tyro to experienced hand is studded with boners of one kind or another.

One of the most common bloopers is to assume that things are as they seem. Mental delusions of that kind keep a lot of deer meat out of home freezers and many a decorative rack from above fireplaces.

Several years ago I muffed an excellent chance to kill a whopping buck because of an unusual chain of circumstances, fuzzy reasoning and a disposition to take things for granted.

That little comedy of errors began when I parted company with two companions on a hardwood ridge to take up an inconspicuous position where two deer trails crossed between a bedding and feeding ground.

"We'll make a turn around the top of the ridge," one of my pals remarked, "and will be back to join you again in an hour. Keep your eyes peeled. We might stir up something."

I sat down against a partly concealing jack fir as my companions faded off, and took stock of my ambush. I couldn't see far behind me, but my position commanded a fine view of the downhill slope, and of the two converging deer trails. Over on my right about 40 yards away I noticed a flat, brushy little bench. It seemed like the sort of place a buck would pick for a hangout, and I was tempted to walk over for a check. But things had quieted down since my companions' departure, and I was reluctant to make any further disturbance. The woods were

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On the ground, a doe breathing her last.



What you should know about

They are tragic but something can be done about them.

EVERYBODY KNOWS that our increased longevity has greatly increased heart disease and cancer. Less well known is the fact that what doctors term cerebrovascular accidents, or apoplexy, and which you and I call "strokes," have increased in the same way.

Strokes have advanced from seventh to third place among the natural causes of death and are now behind only heart disease and cancer. The longer you live past age 40, the greater seem to be your chances of having a stroke. Roughly 10 persons in 100 who die now, or more than 140,000 a year in the United States, are killed by strokes. At least four times this number suffer non-fatal strokes.

Stroke often hits dramatically among the famous. Sir Winston Churchill recently recovered from a mild one. The long roll includes Franklin D. Roosevelt, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, Josef Stalin, Nikolai Lenin, Woodrow Wilson, Nat Goodwin and Blanche Bates, of the stage; Harriet Monroe, the poet, Albert Spalding, the great violinist.

It should be emphasized that a stroke does not necessarily mean the end of a career. Eighteen centuries ago, Galen, the physician of ancient Greece, wrote: "I have seen a badly wounded brain heal." Louis Pasteur, the great French scientist who fathered microbiology, lived 27 years more and did his greatest work after suffering a stroke at 46. Sir Joshua Reynolds produced a hundred canvases after a stroke at 59. George Frederick Handel composed his immortal "Messiah" and lived for many years after a stroke. Hundreds of stroke patients have been rehabilitated in Veterans Administration Hospitals.

Despite the note and number of its victims, stroke has received less attention than many less serious maladies that affect fewer persons. No pretty girls beg money from us for casualties of stroke. No great foundations or associations are concerned specifically with it.

"Cerebrovascular accidents constitute one of the most tragic and important problems in medicine," said Dr. Irving S. Wright, American Heart Association leader, in announcing a national conference on the subject for next January. "This problem has been sadly neglected by the medical profession, largely be-



EWING GALLOWAY

There are warning signs and a checkup will probably reveal them.

cause an attitude of hopelessness and despair pervaded our thinking, instead of a positive approach, utilizing all of the tools we now have available to combat this challenge."

To appreciate these "tools," most of them developments of recent years, let us review the relationship of the blood and the brain and the mechanism of stroke.

Oxygen, minerals, hormones and other vital materials are conveyed to all parts of the body by the blood. The arteries which carry the blood are large at the heart and lungs but become smaller and smaller. They end finally in the microscopic capillaries which connect the smallest arteries with the smallest veins to start the return cycle of the blood. This circulatory system extends into the head and is marked at the base of the brain by an unusual circle of arteries called "the circle of Willis," after Thomas Willis, a 17th century English anatomist.

Blood goes to all hemispheres of the brain through arteries branching from this circle. It equalizes circulation of the blood in the brain and, in the event of destruction of one artery, offers the possibility of the blood and its oxygen reaching the area via the branches and capillaries of another artery. Brain cells completely cut off from oxygen, live only a few minutes. Once killed, they cannot grow back.

When this happens to the cells of a brain center, the limb, sense or body function controlled by the center is partially or completely paralyzed. The

By TOM MAHONEY



Another way to prevent a stroke is to keep your weight down.



EWING GALLOWAY

Relax. By avoiding over-exertion you can check the basic cause of strokes.

Greek-derived medical names for some of the resulting conditions sound poetic but mean something graver when you or yours experience them. There is aphasia, the inability to speak; agnosia, the failure to recognize objects or sounds; apraxia, the inability to perform meaningful muscular actions. As the nerves cross over in leaving the head, injury in the left side of the brain will affect the right side of the body and vice versa.

The strokes which deal these blows are similar in symptoms. A patient may complain, as did President Roosevelt, of a "terrific headache." He may then lapse suddenly or slowly into a coma with his face flushed and his breathing irregular. When diagnosed, however, strokes fall into three classifications. These are the *cerebral embolism*, which accounts for 5 percent of the strokes;

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blood and prevent formation of clots. These drugs include heparin, dicumarol and tromexan. Administration of one of these usually prevents formation of additional emboli after one has been detected.

More recently, the Armour Laboratories has been conducting clinical investigative work to determine the usefulness of enzymes to digest blood clots in the arteries and veins. If this can be accomplished, it may be a long step in the management of strokes.

The more common cerebral thrombosis is more complex. Something at the spot causes a clot or thrombus to form in a brain artery or blood vessel. In many cases the something is atherosclerosis, a form of hardening of the arteries in which fatty substances thicken the lining until the flow of blood is stopped. Sometimes the artery seems to be closed by a nervous spasm. Autopsy of 100 victims of fatal strokes reported in 1951 revealed no mechanical blockage of arteries in 60 cases.

Sometimes, after a few hours, the spasm seems to relax or the brain manages to establish some circulation around the obstruction, perhaps in the way that varicose veins reappear in the legs after existing veins have been intentionally blocked. When this happens, a large part of the impaired brain abilities returns and much of the paralysis disappears as the blood again begins to carry oxygen to the cells starving for it.

In an effort to speed up this happy phenomenon, which may occur in both cerebral thrombosis and cerebral embolism, much thought has been given to relaxing the spasms through interrupting appropriate nerves, either by surgery or anesthetics, and also attempting to dilate or open the blood vessels in the brain by injecting certain drugs into the blood stream. One drug thus used is papaverine.

On the nerve front, controversy rages about the procedure called the stellate ganglion block. In your neck on each side of the backbone are the stellate ganglia, two star-shaped nerve centers about the size of a dime. These centers are the nerve controls of the cerebral arteries. If one or both of these centers are anesthetized in the case of cerebral thrombosis or embolism, proponents of the idea assert, the arteries will relax and dilate.

The anesthetic, usually procaine hydrochloride, is injected by hypodermic needle into the stellate ganglia. An error of half an inch can put the anesthetic into the spinal column and kill the patient. In some cases, stroke sufferers have improved in as little as ten minutes. They have regained consciousness, become able to speak, or to speak more clearly and to move limp arms and legs.

This treatment originated in France where Drs. Rene Leriche and R. Fontaine in 1936 reported the dramatic rehabilitation of two women helpless after suffering cerebral embolisms. Others then tried the idea on apoplexy patients at the University of Glasgow but found no value in it. In 1943, however, Drs. Wilford A. Risteen and P. P. Volpitta of the University of Georgia reported benefits in half a dozen cases. In 1948, Drs. N. C. Gilbert and Geza de Takats reported improvement in 19 of 25 cases at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago.

In 1950, Drs. Paul W. Searle and William K. Novell reported greater improvement and fewer deaths in a series of stroke patients treated with stellate ganglion block at Millard Fillmore Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y., than in a series that did not receive it. Favorable reports also came from Drs. Howard Naffziger and

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The danger increases with age. Strokes are third among killers.



THEIR STROKES HAD FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES



Louis Pasteur
He kept on working.



Franklin D. Roosevelt
Death came quickly.



Winston Churchill
Now recovering.

the *cerebral thrombosis*, which accounts for 40 to 60 per cent, and the *cerebral hemorrhage*, credited with responsibility in 30 to 50 per cent of the cases. All are serious but for each type there are developments which make them much less hopeless than formerly.

Simplest to understand is the cerebral embolism. After surgery and under some other conditions, a blood clot or embolus may break away in the body

and be carried through arteries to the brain where it blocks a blood vessel. Embolus is from the Greek word meaning "a plug." When strokes occur in young persons, a cerebral embolism usually is responsible.

Once lodged in the brain, little can be done about an embolus but a whole series of "anticoagulant" drugs, now administered routinely when emboli are like to appear, slow coagulation of the

COMMUNISM *vs.* CAPITALISM

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Because few Americans really understand the system that has made this country great, they often fall for the propaganda of those whose aim is to destroy it.

By **RUTH ALEXANDER**



Dr. Ruth Alexander is a professional economist, with three degrees from Northwestern University where she also received Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors. Her syndicated column is read by millions and she is nationally known as a lecturer.

THE PURPOSE of communist revolution is destruction of capitalism. The political counterpart of capitalism is a constitutional republic, such as ours, or a constitutional monarchy such as was formerly enjoyed by Great Britain.

In order to arouse our easy-going, good-natured people to the dangers of communism, emphasis has been laid on its threat to our political institutions. Professional communists who openly advocate political sabotage make the front page and often land in jail. We recognize them as enemies. Amateur communists who surreptitiously advocate economic sabotage make the editorial page and often land in high places. We mistake them for humanitarians. We resent having our political system kicked around. But we don't seem to mind having our economic system kicked around.

We have become reluctantly aware of the implications of the communist slogan of revolution—"the end justifies the means." But few of us seem to realize that the end is the abolition of capitalism. All other actions are secondary. They are means to this end. Karl Marx, who founded "scientific socialism," which passes for communism today, devoted his life to a dissection of capitalism and historic "proof" of the inevitabil-

ity of its decay. All subsequent writers and statagists recognize this as the goal of communism. They have addressed themselves to the workers, an economic group, rather than to the voters, a political group.

The means of attaining this end include, among other things, overthrow of the established government by force and violence. The loss of free political institutions results in abandonment of capitalism and *vice versa*. To illustrate. Nazi Germany threw out the Weimar Republic. Capitalism got lost in the shuffle and national socialism took its place. Russia destroyed capitalism. The newly acquired political freedoms of the Kerensky regime passed away, and communism took its place.

The inescapable historic conclusion is that capitalism is the only possible basis for a constitutional republic. Together they move with the rigid interdependence of the two blades of a pair of scissors. Useless each without the other.

Like the proverbial chicken and the egg, it is hard to tell which came first—capitalism or the Constitution. Capitalism was the prevailing economic system under which the Constitution was written. The Constitution recognized the privacy of the economic lives of our citizens. It provided safeguards against state encroachment on property rights—

the sole basis of human rights. It implied that each man is the best judge of his own economic interest and even if he be a poor judge he is likely to be as good a judge as another man who calls himself the state. If the average citizen is not a model citizen neither is the average politician a Daniel come to judgment.

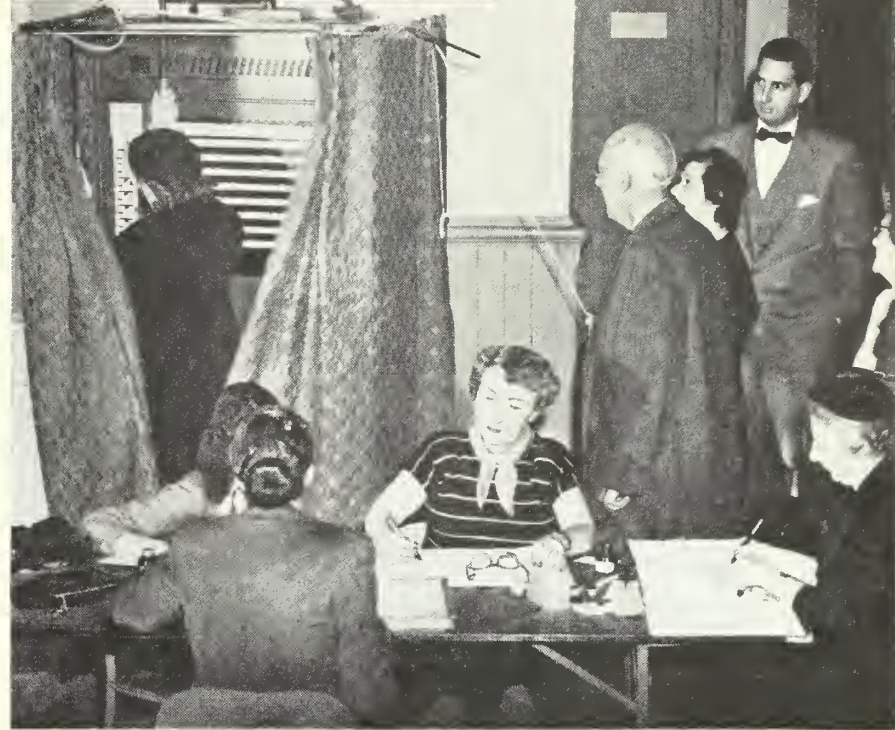
A constitutional republic stands or falls with capitalism because the moment free enterprise is abolished all other freedoms automatically disappear. Freedoms of thought, of speech, of assembly are inconceivable whenever the sovereign political power and the determination of wages and price reside in the same body of men—the state. No man would dare to talk or to assemble against the state when that body is the sole employer.

But Americans like to speak up with what is on their mind. Since the continuance of capitalism is the only way this

This is the classic concept of capitalism, Big Business as exemplified by Wall St.

EWING GALLOWAY





right can be preserved we must no longer take it for granted. Capitalism must survive. Our civil liberties depend on its survival. In the minds of our enemies, capitalism is what the shooting is all about, throughout the world. To defend ourselves we must know ourselves and know our enemies. What is this thing called capitalism? How does it differ from communism? Can capitalism survive in a world increasingly prostrate before the persuasive communist promise of equality of poverty?

Of course in speaking of capitalism I mean private capitalism. State capitalism is socialism raised to the nth degree. It was designated as "communism" by statute at the Second Conference of the Third International in July 1920. This does not signify that communism has been attained in Russia or elsewhere. The U.S.S.R. is socialism, run by the communist party, with which all communist parties throughout the world

are affiliated. The terms communism and socialism are interchangeable. The goal of both is destruction of capitalism. They differ only in the methods of achieving this goal.

The correct definition of (private) capitalism is the voluntary exchange of goods and services on a competitive basis. The word capital was used originally as an adjective, applied to those stocks of capital goods which had been voluntarily saved up for future use. Capitalism is a surplus economy as opposed to the scarcity economy of communism. It believes that the greatest goods for the number at the lowest price can be obtained only by maximum production. This, in turn, can be reached only when incentive to personal gain by personal labor and savings is unhampered by repressive regulation and excessive taxation.

The function of capital stocks of goods is to feed, clothe and lodge those people, who have accumulated them by hard work and self denial, at an ever higher scale of living. The wealth of the nation depends on these people, the capitalists, who have voluntarily restricted their present consumption of capital goods on behalf of future production.

Capitalism is dynamic when the amount of capital goods is sufficient to allow for experimental production and scientific innovation. Capitalism becomes static when stocks of capital goods get so low they approach the minimum necessary for subsistence needs.

Sometimes these stocks of capital goods are called *risk* capital because of the risk inevitably connected with in-

dustrial and scientific experiment. They might better be called *seed* capital for they are the sole basis of *employing* capital, on which jobs for workers depend.

It costs on an average of \$7000 worth of capital stocks of goods invested in tools to employ one worker in industry, and \$3000 to employ a worker in services. The progressive accumulation of surplus capital invested in tools and equipment is the only guarantor of job security and relatively uninterrupted employment. The term "full" employment is a misnomer under freedom and is possible only under total dictatorship.

There is no other means by which wages can be raised and the general material welfare increased than by increased investment of seed capital devoted to the production of new and better goods, ready and eager to satisfy insatiable human wants.

For this reason, capitalism rewards the accumulation of surplus wealth, be it pennies or dollars. But it recognizes that no matter how hard people work, or how diligently they save, they will not arrive at the same scale of living. Nature, not capitalism, has endowed us with enormous differences in judgment, stability, resourcefulness, sobriety and thrift. Nature, not capitalism, has divided us into the advance guard, the rear guard and the stragglers. The function of a constitutional republic is to see to it that the rear guard and the stragglers have every opportunity to catch up with the advance guard on their own. But it does not punish the advance guard for the failure of others. It rewards the advance guard for that inag-

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. . . but everyone who owns a car, a home, or anything else is a personal capitalist.

H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS



How to enjoy a FIGHT at HOME

By GENE WARD

New York Daily News boxing writer
and member, New York Boxing Writers Association.

An expert tells what to look for when you want to score a fight.

THIS ALREADY beleaguered and bloodied boxing scribe, who runs the gauntlet of TV fans with every fight he covers, ought to have his head examined for saying "yes" to the editors of *The American Legion Magazine*.

"Tell our readers how to watch and how to score a prize fight . . . explain the differences in rules and how they apply in the various States and municipalities . . . and," ye editors neglected to add, "run for the nearest air-raid shelter."

In the good, old bare-knuckle days, unfettered by complicated rules of ring behavior and intricate methods of scoring, two guys fought until one was done. Even as recently as 1945—before television began to nurture the now millions of full-blown armchair experts and saloon Socrates—the ringside journalist plied his trade in comparative peace.

But today's boxing reporter, and his official confreres, the referees and judges, literally work with millions looking over their shoulders.

Some of the best referees have pulled boners in the ring and our most prominent judges have, at times, appeared to be a way out of line in their scoring. And yet, night after night, Gus and Gussie Fan, from in front of their TV screen, set themselves up as duly appointed officials just as though they were on the scene and seasoned experts in all nuances of the fistic art.

And so, a little advice should go a long way toward increasing spectator enjoyment and understanding. Famous Trainer Dan Florio, who averages five fights a week either as a cornerman or a TV fan, says that the video-viewer takes in only about nine of every 25 punches thrown. He wasn't in the least surprised at the reaction to Rocky Marciano's quick kayo of Jersey Joe Walcott.

He points out, "No wonder the fans thought it a phony. The TV camera

just didn't pick up the knockout punches. But Walcott got hit, good, as subsequently was shown in the three-D movies which had a trio of cameras surveying the action."

The man ought to know. Florio has been Walcott's trainer for seven years and was in his corner that night. At the same time, Dan recalled that very few TV fans actually caught the short left hook which Walcott used to knock Ezzard Charles loose from his crown in Pittsburgh. The camera angle again was wrong.

He urges the fans, "Pretend you are a cornerman for your favorite. Figure out what you would say to him if you were his second and he came back to you for advice at the end of each round. I've had fellows with the best of intentions who have been watching fights for 20 years come up to me and talk about a fight. After a few sentences I realized they knew from nothing."



Even New York's boxing czar, Bob Christenberry, has been confused by the complex rules.

Florio recalls several flaws in Louis's style that were there for everybody to see, but even the Bomber's own Svengalis overlooked them until Max Schmeling came along to exploit the weaknesses. By running movies over and over again of Jack Dempsey's battles, Gene Tunney plotted all the proper moves to out-box and out-maneuver the superior slugger.

Specifically, Florio suggests that the fight fan keep check of a boxer's feet. "Watch, and when he starts to spread 'em farther apart than usual, he's getting tired and may be ripe for the kill. Another sure sign of fatigue is to see a man suddenly come down off his toes and start to move flat-footed."

Eddie Joseph, another big time ref, feels that at least 95 percent of the TV audience doesn't know what to look for, mainly because they are not boxing fans of long standing. At the same time, Eddie claims that much of the



WATCH FOR THESE ON TV



1. Up on his toes he's still dangerous.
2. Widespread flat feet indicate fatigue.

missed action is not the fault of the viewer but of TV, which does not reproduce faithfully the various moves.

He makes these points:

(1) A good boxer often appears to be getting hit when actually he is slipping punches.

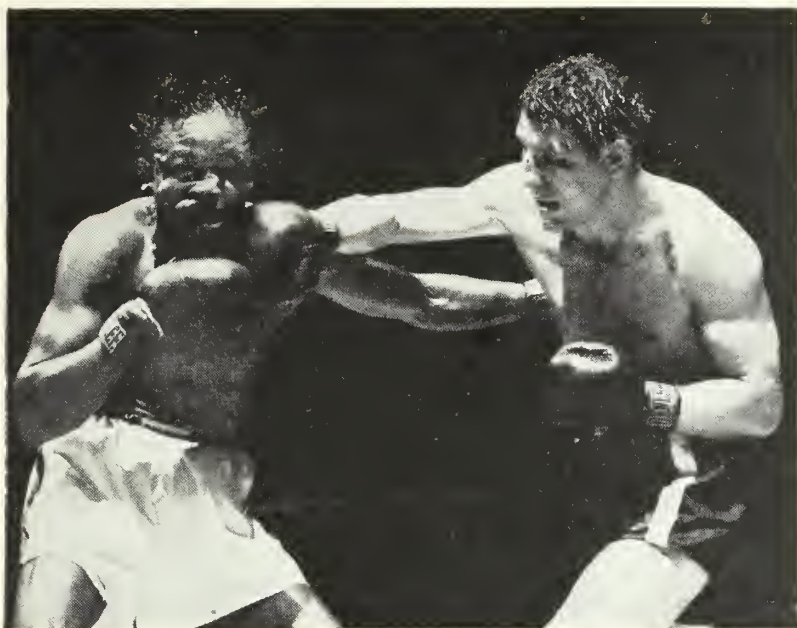
(2) Blocked punches, particularly those caught on the elbows and forearms, often look like solid blows.

(3) A good short-puncher, like Marciano, often does not receive full credit on TV for his effectiveness.

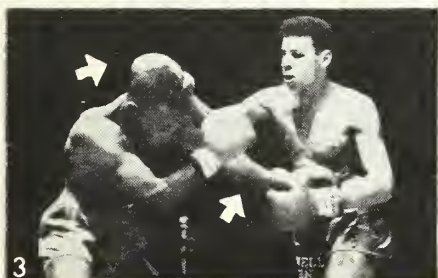
(4) Welts and bruises and blood, the result of damaging punches, rarely are visible on TV and, being valued guideposts in any scoring system, their absence detracts from the video spectator's full appreciation of the action.

Dumb Dan Morgan, the Bernard Baruch of boxing, who in his time managed four world's champions (Frank Mantell, Al McCoy, Jack Brittain, and Battling Levinsky), has several handy household hints for the eager-to-improve-himself fan.

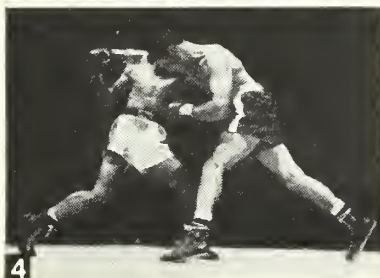
"First off," says Dan, "don't pick your winner in advance if you want to come out with a fair verdict."



TV cameras don't always show hard clouts like this one Gavilan stopped.



3. Most TV fans miss this. The right is being slipped and the left caught. Neither should count on the score card.



4. All boxing codes give points for aggressiveness. A clever defensive fighter looks bad on television.

"Next, try and watch the fight with this in mind, that the man who is leading and landing is forcing the fight."

Clothes may not make the man, but styles very definitely make the boxer in this TV age. If you'll excuse the paradox, it's not smart to be clever any more in the ring. Morgan, Florio, Trainer Charley Goldman and other experts point this out.

And so the tendency is to manufacture fighters all in the same blood-and-thunder mold which, if the trend continues, ultimately will bring about a rather dreadful uniformity.

But uniformity of rules and regulations and scoring methods is something else again and, it says here, are greatly to be desired, particularly if simplified.

The complexities in the rules and the confusion of scoring systems that have grown up in the U. S. would bring some strange twists into the course of heavyweight boxing history, for instance, had modern methods of conducting and scoring a bout been in effect in the (quote) good, old days. (unquote.)

Jack Dempsey would have lost his

crown to Luis Firpo in that controversial clout-fest in New York's Polo Grounds 30-years ago for (1) failing to return to the ring within the prescribed time-limit which, today, would have been tolled from the second he went through the ropes and (2) for blasting a right to Firpo's head while the Argentine giant still had one knee on the canvas.

Under modern-day rules, the Manassa Mauler would have beaten Gene Tunney in their long-count clash and regained his throne in Chicago, in 1927, because Referee Jack Barry could not have started his count over again but would have been forced to pick it up from the knockdown timekeeper. Today that particular regulation is in effect everywhere.

You can dig all the way back into the musty reports of the 1897 strife between Gentleman Jim Corbett and Ruby Bob Fitzsimmons at Carson City, Nevada. Instead of Fitz emerging the victor by a 14th round kayo, however,

Corbett would have been the winner in an early round.

For in the fistic year 1953 the referee would have halted the fray seven rounds earlier when Corbett had his rival so bruised and battered that Fitzsimmons voluntarily knelt, head bowed, while his blood drained into a crimson pool.

The referee of today who lets a fight get too one-sided without calling a halt is in hot water of unprecedented warmth and volume. Witness Jimmy Carter's Boston "massacre" of Tommy Collins last Spring which raised a storm of indignation along the TV network when Referee Tommy Rawson let the

THE WINNER AND LOSER



No wonder he's confused. Joey Giardello was given the decision in the ring. Later Commissioner Christenberry, in an unprecedented move, overruled the judges, gave the win to Billy Graham. The New York State Supreme Court finally decided for Giardello.



Rex Layne and Archie Moore were the principals in another rhuarb. The television fans didn't like the official's decision.

Hub Irishman absorb ten knockdowns.

Yet the Dempsey-Willard fight saw Jess down seven times in the first round. Primo Carnera went to the deck a dozen times at the fists of Max Baer in 1934 before Referee Arthur Donovan stopped it in the 11th.

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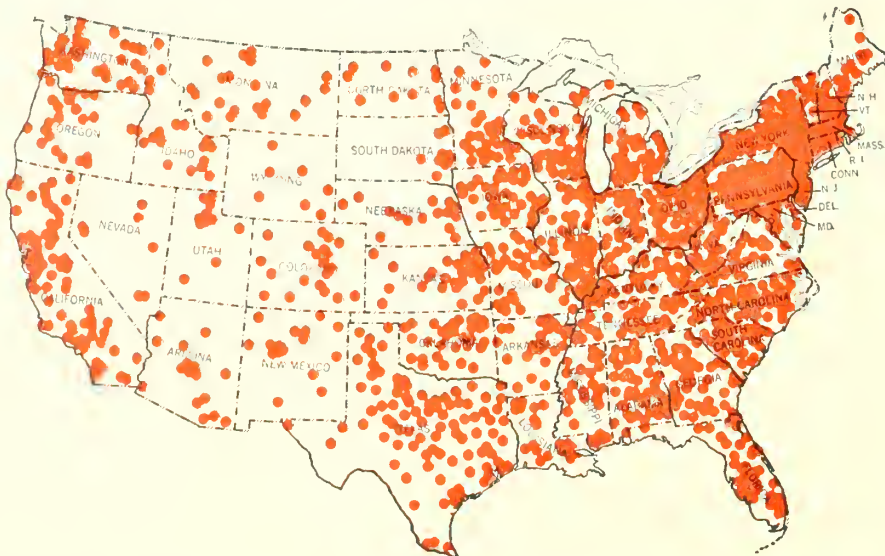
THE LEGION IN PICTURES



AN AQUARIUM FULL OF CASH is cheered by members of Continental Post 263 at end of recent telethon cerebral palsy fund campaign in Philadelphia. Post members took part in campaign, broadcast appeals, supplied manpower to follow up on pledges. City wide drive netted \$205,000 for United Cerebral Palsy fund.



SIDELIGHT of world's biggest (?) picnic is pie-eater Earl Dembinski (above.) Head counters were cross-eyed too, at mere size of Lodi (Cal.) Post 22's community picnic this year. Estimated picnickers, 40,000. Starting in 1922 (attendance 2,000), Lodi Post's party grew to a giant yearly headline event in San Joaquin County. At first, Post rented grove, added \$35,000 improvements over years. In 1939, when picnic had become a social fixture of northern California, owner W. G. Micke gave grove to county.



WHEN A GI OVERSEAS sends to Legion Washington office request number and message for broadcast to his family, Legion relays request within 5 hours to proper radio station in GI's hometown area. Program is aptly called *Hometown, U.S.A.*, as map of 215 cooperating radio stations (above) shows.



LEGION-TRAINED JAPANESE become full-fledged Americans as McCarran Act ends 164 years of racial discrimination.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY. Seen above is the end of 164 years of racial discrimination in U.S. citizenship. Big event happened in Seabrook, N.J. schoolhouse June 29, as Judge David L. Horuvitz made U.S. citizens of 127 people, all but one born in Japan. Their naturalization was made possible under the little-understood, Legion-backed McCarran-Walter Act of 1952. That act wiped off the books the Nationality Act of 1789 (which denied naturalization to anybody except "free whites.") Exceptions to the 1789 law had admitted Negroes to citizenship (after Civil War); North and South American "non-whites" (1940); Chinese (1943), and East Indians (1945.) But the old law held for all others, chiefly Japanese, Koreans and Southeast Asians, until the 1952 McCarran Act ended *all* bars to U.S. citizenship based on race, color, nationality or servitude.

All 126 Japanese-Americans above were trained for naturalization in a series of Americanism classes (right) held weekly since Dec., 1952 by Shoemaker Post & Unit 95, American Legion in nearby Bridgeton, N.J.—under Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Brauer. Many of the new citizens were relocated from the West Coast during WW2. All work for Seabrook Farms, world's largest grow-its-own food-freezing plant. Some have lived in U.S. over 50 years. Oldest couple are Mr. & Mrs. Moyo Wakayima (he 78, here 52 years; she 62, here 42 years.) Three women are Gold Star Mothers whose U.S.-born sons (citizens by birth) died in America's defense. Many others had sons in 442nd Combat Team. Gold Star Mothers are Riyo Mukai (here 39 years), Musaye Fujiki (here 35 years) and Mume Minakata (here 38 years.)



BARBARA BRAUER WITH NEW CITIZEN. She and husband Herbert Brauer prepped group for citizenship in six months of weekly classes — a continuing Americanism project of N.J. Legion Post & Unit 95.

LEGION ROD & GUN CLUB



Recently Harold Steinke, district game manager of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, made a study of the automobile as a predator of wildlife. He was disturbed by what he found. Below is a chart taken from a few rural counties only. The result is shocking, as Mr. Steinke's findings are only a tiny sample. Do you try to avoid small animals on the road? Read the figures below—and watch your driving!

Observed Six-Year Highway Kill Miles Driven—153,089

Species	Total
Rabbits	1,271
Squirrels	430
Deer	6
Cats	294
Dogs	36
Skunk	82
Muskrats	123
Mink	18
Weasel	13
Opossum	40
Raccoon	24
Badger	4
Woodchuck	4
Pig	2
Hungarian partridge	10
Pheasant	228
Ruffed grouse	8
Quail	12
Duck	3
Coot	2
Crows	23
Chickens	149
Song Birds	580
Total	3,362

Along about this time the sport that separates the men from the boys is under way: duck shooting. If you've never crouched in a duck blind with the rain beating in your face and watched a flock of mallards, blacks or broadbills come stooping into your decoys, then you've never lived.

The Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington and Ducks Unlimited tell us that there were big duck hatches this spring, that there should be tremendous flocks making their way south just about the time you read this.

Ever since I first pulled on knee breeches, I've been told that the smartest and the hardest to bag of the duck clan is the black duck. I had never bagged many black ducks—that is until I met the Dolan brothers of Guilford, Connecticut. Frank and Joe Dolan have been fishing and ducking along the Connecticut coast of Long

By JACK DENTON SCOTT

Island Sound all their lives. Last year I went shooting with them, and came back with my limit of blacks in record time. The Dolans took myself and companion, put us on a sea wall within clear view of New Haven and Yale University, told us to get set for some fast shooting. I didn't believe it. They left in their boat the *WILD DUCK*; in ten minutes the blacks started coming in. They could see us stuck up on the sea wall—but it didn't matter. They came in. The Dolans didn't use any black magic. They just knew the eating habits of the birds. It seems that there are thousands of mussels clinging to the sea wall where we sat. When the tide is right, the blacks come in to feed. And they don't seem to care if an entire anti-aircraft battery is there to greet them.

And providing you are lucky during the shooting months ahead, George H. Soule, coach of high school athletics in Geraldine, Montana, has two suggestions that may improve the taste of your game. "If you are cooking liver from wild meat like deer, antelope or elk," he recommends, "pour boiling water over the liver in a pan and wait until it turns a little white. Pour off the water, add butter and fry as you would ordinary beef or calf liver and there will be no wild taste at all.

"If you want to take that extra gamey flavor out of bear, deer, even hare or rabbit, sprinkle the meat a couple of hours before cooking with ginger. With a nice piece of bear meat you won't be able to tell it from beef steak. Try it." Thanks, George, we will. But pity the poor bear from now on.

Olin Industries have really done it this time. In their revised *Western Ammunition Handbook*, they have put between covers 136 pages of information vital to every shooter in America — amateur or professional. Here at last is up-to-the-moment information on shotgun shells, rifles, handgun cartridges, a comprehensive treatment of bullet types and ballistics, with discussions of such subjects as Effect of Barrel Length on Velocity.

This is a book that can easily be translated into bigger bags for you this season. Run, don't walk to your nearest sporting goods' dealer and get your free copy, or write to Olin Industries, East Alton, Illinois.

The Marlin Firearms Company, New Haven, Connecticut, announce a new and revolutionary type of rifle barrel which they call the "Micro-Groove." Based on results of intensive firing tests in competition with other rifles having conventional barrels, Marlin reports an improvement of about 20% in accuracy. This new barrel will first be available in the Marlin 89-C semi-automatic, clip-fed rifle, handling .22 long rifle cartridges only. As soon as production facilities are expanded other Marlin .22's will be equipped with the new Micro-Groove barrel.



THE OLD
Barrel with six
grooves.

THE NEW
Barrel with six-
teen grooves.

The unique design of the new barrel is illustrated above. The left-hand drawing represents a conventional barrel with six deep grooves. As every veteran knows, a bullet is spun out of a rifle by the weapon's lands, which project above the grooves. Marlin's new Micro-Groove barrel, shown on the right, has sixteen relatively shallow grooves. This, the Marlin people say, means that a bullet propelled through this barrel at high speed gets gripped more securely by the sixteen lands giving it greater stabilization in its course. The engravings on the bullet and the consequent distortion in shape caused by the sixteen lands are considerably less than those caused by the six lands that are found in conventional rifle barrels.

We don't want to confuse you or trip ourselves by going further into the technical points of this new rifle barrel but if you want more information write to Roger Kenna, President, The Marlin Firearms Co., New Haven, Connecticut.

If you have an unusual idea that pertains to hunting or fishing; one that is helpful to fellow readers of this column, send it along. If we can use it, we'll reward you with a hunting or fishing accessory. Address: OUT-DOOR EDITOR, Rod and Gun Club, *The American Legion Magazine*, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, New York.

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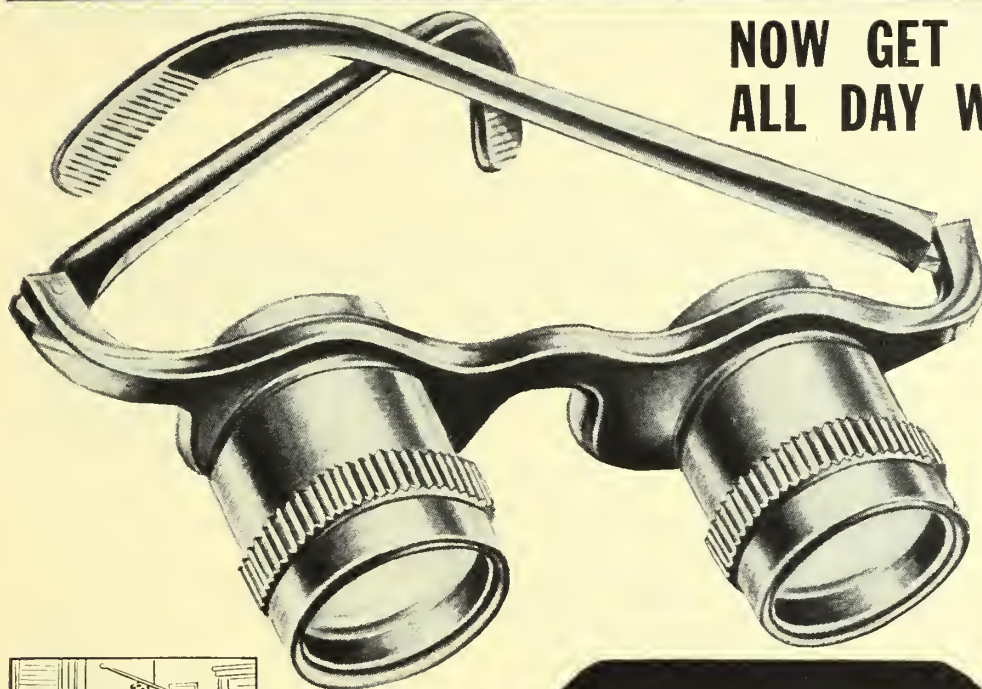
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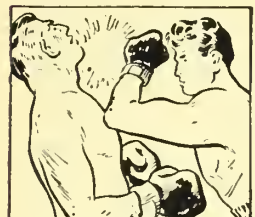
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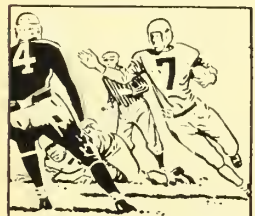
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1953 — OFF KOREA — carrier jets being refueled at sea. Even though new jets gulp fuel 8 times faster than World War II planes, U. S. oilmen are keeping ahead of record demands for these special fuels.



A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

PART III PENSIONS, NON-SERVICE CONNECTED:

As war veterans — particularly those of WW1 — nudge up toward the 65-year age bracket, more and more of them are concerned about the security which a general pension law based on age and service would give them. . . . Though many bills have been introduced, the Congress has given very slight consideration to a general pension law which would include all veterans who reach a given age. . . . The trend of thinking at Washington is against a measure in the tradition of the general pension laws enacted for the veterans of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars and Spanish-American War. . . . But there is a provision on the statute books, administered by the VA, which is based on disability, age, employability, and income — in which age is taken into consideration as a factor of disability — which is available to eligible veterans of both World Wars and the Korean War, at any age, whose disabilities from non-service-connected causes make them unemployable, or whose earning power, because of disability, has decreased to a point below a minimum living standard. . . . The age factor is particularly applicable to WW1 veterans.

The general provisions and conditions of this benefit are misunderstood by many vets. . . . To rehabilitation workers it is known as Part III Pensions, but among most vets it is known as "total permanent pension" with the consequent misunderstanding that a vet with non-service-connected disability must be almost or completely bed-ridden in order to receive the benefit. . . . Too many eligible vets, Service Officers tell the Newsletter, are misled by the loose interpretation of "total and permanent disability."

Briefly, to qualify for an award of a Part III pension a veteran must meet conditions under three separate requirements — and he must meet all three. . . . They are: disability (under which age is considered), employability, and income. . . . For example, up to the age of 55 a vet must be rated by VA at 70 percent disabled, with one disability accounting for 40 percent. . . . At 55, he must be rated 60 percent disabled, with one disability accounting for 30 percent. . . . At 60, he must be rated 50 percent disabled, with one disability accounting for 30 percent. . . . But at the age of 65 the disability requirement is dropped to 10 percent.

Rating of disability is, of course, based on VA findings, and not on the findings of a private doctor. . . . Employability is not judged by any fixed standard, and must be determined individually in each case. . . . But in all cases some consideration is given to employability in the vet's usual vocation. . . . Income ceilings are fixed by law. . . . Part III pensions are not payable if the vet, unmarried and without dependent children, has an income of more than \$1,400 per year. . . . Or, if married or with dependent children, he has an income above \$2,700 per year. . . . These three conditions must be met by the applicant. . . . If the

VA rating board finds that they are met, the rate of payment is \$63 per month until the veteran reaches the age of 65, or has been on the Part III pension rolls for ten consecutive years, when it is automatically increased to \$75.

Applications for Part III pensions (for non-service-connected disabilities) are made on VA Form 8-526, available from your Service Officer or from any VA Regional Office. . . . Legion Service Officers will advise and assist in the preparation of claims.

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SERVICE RETIREMENT PAY UNDER NEW LAW:

Important to former members of the Armed Forces (including Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service) is Public Law 239, 83rd Congress, which permits retired personnel, who so elect, to leave a portion of their retired pay to their families — widow, (unremarried), children until 18 or married, or widow with children under 18. . . . Until enactment of PL 239 retired pay ceased with the death of the retired person. . . . Under new law retired person may choose for his survivor an annuity equal to $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of his reduced retired pay. . . . Then his retired pay is reduced by an "actuarial equivalent based on the retired member's age and the age of his beneficiary." . . . If beneficiary dies first, full retired pay would be restored without further reduction. . . . Active duty person must elect his option before completion of 18 years' service, or if more than 18 years in service he must elect within 180 days from November 1, 1953, the effective date of the Act. . . . Persons already retired must elect within 180 days after November 1. . . . This is protection for survivors. . . . Example: Serviceman retires at 55, his wife is 50, retired pay \$3,000 annually. Figured out on actuarial basis, retired pay would be reduced \$456; retiree would draw \$2,544 per year. . . . At his death his widow would draw $\frac{1}{2}$ of this reduced pay, or \$1,272 per year so long as eligible (remarriage.) . . . Important provision is that annuities payable under this Act shall be in addition to any pensions or other payments to which beneficiary may now or hereafter be entitled under other provisions of law, and shall not be considered income under any law administered by the VA.

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REORGANIZATION IN VA SET-UP:

Tightening the lines in reorganization of the wide-spread VA operation, new Administrator Harvey W. Higley has announced the team forming the high command. . . . Ralph H. Stone, Columbus, Ohio, was named Deputy Administrator for Veteran Benefits; Charles Gordon Beck, in various key positions with VA since 1919, was named Deputy Administrator for Insurance, and Admiral Joel T. Boone, already on a permanent basis, will continue as Medical Director. . . . This action places on a permanent basis the heads of the three operating divisions forming the hard core of the new

VA organization which deal directly with the individual vets in benefits, insurance, hospitalization and domiciliary care. . . . In administration sections, Henry W. Longfellow, also a vet in VA service dating back to 1919, was appointed Assistant Administrator for Administration; Edward E. Odom, whose service dates from 1920, was confirmed as General Counsel, and Frank W. Kelsey, another of the class of 1919, was named Controller.

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ILLINOIS CLOSES BOOKS ON WW2 BONUS:

Winding up its work with the clearance of all claims presented, the Service Recognitions Board of the State of Illinois has closed the books on its WW2 bonus operation. . . . Last of the checks went out in May after Legislature acted to terminate the benefit. . . . Board began its work in 1946 in receiving, processing and paying claims of Sucker State WW2 vets. . . . When it shut up shop, payment for all categories, vets and survivors, amounted to \$323,553,774.78. . . . A total of 951,053 claims were received, of which all but 31,798 were approved and paid. . . . All records of the Recognition Board have been transferred to the State Archives for permanent storage.

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PHILIPPINE MEDALS NOT NOW AVAILABLE:

U. S. servicemen who earned the three Philippine service medals—or any one of them, Defense, Liberation and Independence—still have a wait ahead of them for the pendant medal to accompany the ribbon issued them. . . . Though designs have been approved, Philippine authorities say that distribution of medals will not be made at any time soon.

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CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR OVERSEAS MEN:

Defense Department has warned that Christmas parcels for overseas servicemen must be mailed by November 15. . . . Boxes addressed to any Army Postoffice (APO) or Fleet Postoffice (FPO) must not exceed 70 pounds in weight or 100 inches in length and girth combined. . . . Air parcel post must not exceed two pounds in weight or 30 inches in length and girth combined. . . . Mail your packages early.

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RIFLES AND AMMO FOR LEGION POSTS:

Available supply of rifles for donation to Legion Posts has been exhausted. . . . Department of Army asks that Posts hold their requests until announcement is made through newspapers and vet publications that a new supply is available. . . . Blank ammunition, .30 calibre, for use at funerals and other ceremonial occasions can be had by Posts on order by the Commander or Adjutant. . . . Ammunition is free, but a handling charge of 50 cents is made for a full container, which contains 750 or 1,250 rounds, depending on type. . . . 75 cents for less than one full container, and 15 cents for each additional package of full or partial outer container. . . . Shipment sent with transportation charges collect. . . . Forward requests to:

Commanding Officer, Seneca Ordnance Depot, Romulus, N. Y. (New England States, New York and New Jersey.)

Commanding Officer, Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, Chambersburg, Pa., (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware.)

Commanding Officer, Blue Grass Ordnance Depot, Richmond, Kentucky, (Ohio and Kentucky.)

Commanding Officer, Anniston Ordnance Depot, Annis-

ton, Alabama, (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi.)

Commanding Officer, Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas, (Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.)

Commanding Officer, Savanna Ordnance Depot, Savanna, Illinois, (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Indiana.)

Commanding Officer, Pueblo Ordnance Depot, Pueblo, Colorado, (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado.)

Commanding Officer, Sierra Ordnance Depot, Herlong, California, (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California.)

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ARMY ISSUES PAMPHLET ON RETIREMENT:

Department of the Army has put out a pamphlet chuck-full of information about retirement benefits for old files. . . . Titled "Information for Retired Army Personnel," (DA Pamphlet 21-56), it lists rights and obligations of retired personnel, tells what is available in the way of benefits to retirees and their families under the retirement law and under VA-administered laws. . . . It is free for the asking. . . . Write the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., citing the number and title of the pamphlet.

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MINNESOTA WW2 BONUS DEADLINE EXTENDED:

Laggard Minnesota WW2 vets who have not applied for their State bonus have been given another chance. . . . Act of Legislature extended the deadline for filing claims until December 31, 1953. . . . Also provided that remarried widows of WW2 vets who have not yet filed for bonus be removed from high preference and placed at bottom. . . . Survivor preference sequence now reads surviving spouse, children, mother, father, person standing in loco parentis, brothers, sisters and remarried widow. . . . Also provided that any person who served 5 years on continuous active duty prior to December 7, 1941, and who died of service-connected causes up to and including September 2, 1945, is deemed a "veteran" and his beneficiary is entitled to receive payment. . . . Remarried widows of professional soldiers fall into this category.

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MICHIGAN EXTENDS BONUS DEADLINE:

Michigan Legislature authorized extension to June 1, 1956, date for acceptance of claims for WW2 bonus from any eligible Michigan WW2 vet who has not made claim and who comes under one of two classifications. . . . Vet must be a member of the Armed Forces, or is hospitalized in any military, VA, or State hospital.

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K-VETS TROOPING OFF TO SCHOOL:

Of the more than 2,000,000 veterans of the Korean War it is estimated that 200,000 entered school, colleges and training centers at the beginning of the school year. . . . Education and training is provided by the K-vet GI Bill, the original GI Bill, or both.

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DISCHARGE REVIEW FOR SURVIVORS:

Next-of-kin or legal representatives of a deceased veteran have until June 22, 1959, or 15 years after discharge, whichever is later, to apply for a review of the discharge.

NEWS *of the* LEGION

and Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 1953

Connell Asks Posts, Members Do Membership Job Nov. 11-26

The Legion's newly elected Nat'l Cmdr.—Arthur J. Connell of Middletown, Conn.—in a special message to all posts and members on Sept. 23 asked that the bulk of 1954's membership drive be conducted in an intensive November effort between Armistice Day (Nov. 11) and Thanksgiving Day.

Connell urged posts to clean up the job during that period so that they could efficiently turn to other programs without continued attention to membership

papers. The Commander urged a two-fold local publicity drive (1) to publicize the aims and programs of the Legion and (2) to publicize the fact that the Legion welcomes eligible veterans into the organization; that their membership gives strength to the aims and programs to which nearly 3 million other veterans now subscribe.

Connell asked Legionnaires to make sure, as never before, that all eligible veterans be asked to join the Legion during the Nov. 11-26 period; that larger membership teams than ever work, door-to-door, to make sure that no veterans remain outside of the Legion for want of being asked. The national membership theme for 1954, he announced, was "Knock on Every Door for '54."

The Commander concluded his appeal for a concentrated 15-day wrap-up of membership for '54 by advising all post officials that there is available, from Nat'l HQ, membership promotional, publicity and sales material, and detailed membership drive literature keyed to the 1954 campaign.

In Miami Beach, Fla., Cleveland Indian slugger & WW2 vet Al Rosen (a former Legion Junior Baseballer) joined Post 85. "Nobody ever asked me to join before," he told Post Cmdr. Sobelson. "I'm glad you did. I've heard much of the great work of the Legion and am proud to be a member."

Good Start

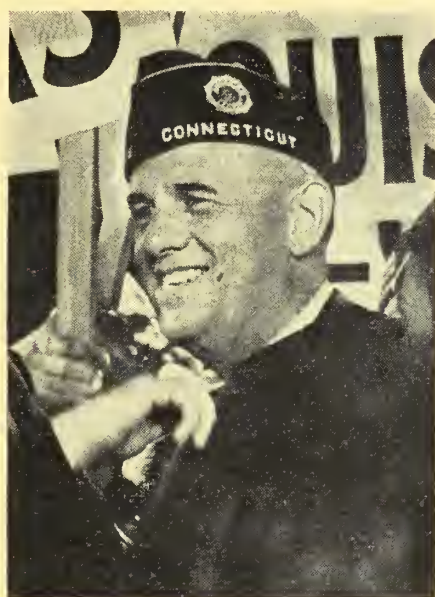
Meanwhile, scattered reports of posts that have already signed up more members for '54 than in '53 continued to come in, though the '54 year officially begins Nov. 11. The Dep't of North Dakota, always a membership leader, has again set Nov. 11 as the date for complete sign-up of all old members for the new year. Bunnell Post (Colo.) was over the top for '54 by mid-August, and 27 Colorado posts had turned in initial blocks of '54 cards by then. Messiek Post 273 (Va.) turned in '54 membership in excess of '53 on August 20.

Michigan smashed all records by mid-September. Then, 7 weeks before the

official opening of the 1954 membership year, the Michigan Dep't had 4,653 memberships registered for 1954. It was an early-bird mark unequalled in other years, put Michigan 30 days ahead of same date last year. On Sept. 15, Michigan Dep't HQ could report only 70 posts not ready to do business for the new year. Figure at same time a year before had been 200. Dep't HQ attributed trend to statewide upsurge in efficient post operation.

Problem

Michigan's new efficiency would be worth a study. Big annual membership problem always has been slowness in



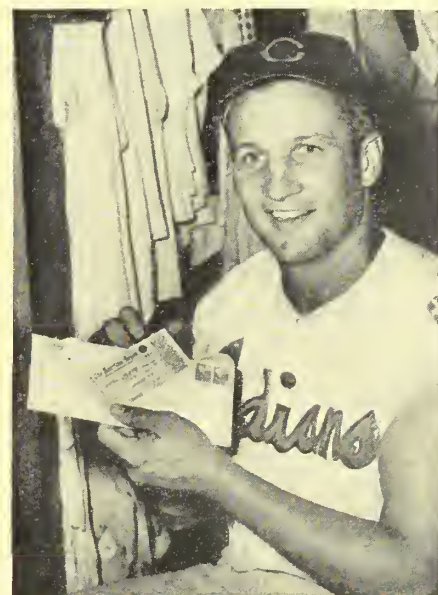
Nat'l Cmdr. Connell... Ask them all

over a prolonged period, and thus have a good year in other programs.

He urged individual members to make it a point to renew for 1954 during the Nov. 11-26 period on their own initiative, as an additional assist to efficient post operation.

Connell suggested that Legion officials ask mayors, city managers, state governors to name Nov. 11-26 as American Legion Weeks. (In New York City, Mayor Vincent Impellitteri named the month of Sept. 9-Oct. 9 as American Legion Month.)

By making an intensive, official drive, Connell pointed out, posts could create membership news for their local news-



Rosen & Legion card... Never asked

renewals, spread out from one year's end to next by members who have every intention of renewing. Legionnaires always have been individualists, and organization holds no club over them.

But individualistic slowness of renewals has hurt posts. It (a) requires more effort to be turned toward membership than is good for Legion, (b) diverts energies away from positive programs, (c) unnecessarily and often wastefully tends to make collection agencies of posts. Yet, without means or desire for coercion, effective way to persuade all members to renew in early fall under their own steam, for Good of Legion, has never been evolved.

VA Aim: "Non-Service" Care on Financial Priority Basis

On Sept. 29, VA approved a new regulation that sought to put most vets' medical care for non-service disabilities on a financial priority basis. But by the 2nd week on October, the Budget Bureau had not given needed blessing to the regulation. At issue was a requirement that most applicants for non-service connected care make a detailed private financial statement.

VA Chief Harvey Higley approved the change, which would be an amendment to VA regulation 6047. It would not become effective until published in the Federal Register, and Budget Bureau approval was needed first.

Three classes of applicants would not be asked to sign the financial statement. They are (1) Veterans applying for treatment of a disability that is rated as service-connected by the VA, (2) Persons admitted to VA hospitals in an emergency, and (3) Veterans who were separated from service for disabilities incurred in line of duty, as well as veterans who are drawing service-connected disability compensation, who apply for treatment of a condition that is not rated service-connected.

Until now veterans applying for care for non-service disabilities have been asked to sign a simple statement to the effect that they could not afford to pay for private care. They would still sign this statement. In addition, the new financial statement would require the veteran to give:

(1) Total value of real and personal property.

(2) Amount of outstanding indebtedness on his home.

(3) Average monthly liabilities, including mortgage payments, personal expenses, expenses for dependents.

(4) Current amount of ready assets in cash, bank deposits and savings bonds.

(5) Monthly income.

(6) Amount of federal income tax for preceding year.

(7) Name of tax collectors' office.

The priority of hospital admission would relate the veteran's financial statement to other cost factors, including the type of disability and the probable length of treatment required.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

No Fooling

Legion posts did not take lightly the word that the nat'l organization wanted 1953-54 to be the Legion's biggest year yet in the field of community service. Reports of increased activity were flooding this magazine's desk at presstime.

Dep't of Montana released a run-down of recent community services in that state. One post completely rebuilt the burned out farmhouse of a widow. Another harvested the crops of a farmer injured in an accident. A Legion post finished putting in street lights in an-

other Montana town when the town ran out of funds. Another Montana post is restoring an old Army fort for a town recreation center. Other Montana reports included:

(a) 53 posts helping in drives of nat'l health and charity foundations; (b) 23 posts helping provide local recreational facilities for children; (c) 36 posts conducting citizenship classes for the foreign-born; (d) 30 posts giving awards to outstanding high school seniors; (e) 31 posts conducting Safety First and Traffic Safety campaigns; (f) 47 post homes available for meetings of other civic groups; (g) 25 posts holding high school oratorical contests; (h) Wide-spread donation of needed equipment to Montana hospitals; (i) 36 posts sponsoring Boy Scout troops.

Reports of community service from elsewhere included this sampling:

Post 18, Mena, Ark., put on drive to get merchants to display flag on proper days. In one day and night, post members using compressed air drills installed 45 flagpole sockets in concrete sidewalks—donated this service to every purchaser of flag and pole.

Post 10, Clark Field, Philippines, gave garden seeds to schools in several Luzon barrios; seeds to be planted and raised by aggie students, produce to go to needy families.

Post 360, Huntington, N. Y., began move to have 10 Commandments hung in every Suffolk County schoolroom.

Post 15, Sioux Falls, S. D., collected enough household furnishings for 10 houses, gave them to Monahan Post in Sioux City, Iowa (60 miles south) for distribution there to victims of a severe summer flood.

In At The Kill?

Meanwhile, an especially important opportunity for community service by posts emerged from the current news. March of Dimes had something special for the next year, would need all the help it could get in a '54 fund campaign that would not be routine.

Never before had a giant health foundation been within smelling distance of the end of its trail. But March-of Dimes faced '54 with a fine chance to put an end to polio for all time. A promising vaccine against all 3 types of polio virus was so far advanced that the polio foundation was readying to give it a whopper of a test. If the vaccine stood the test, good bye polio.

The test, unparalleled in all history, would call for vaccinating hundreds of thousands of American children in the chief polio age group this winter and spring, results to be known within a year. If successful, the vaccine would—unlike gamma globulin—give long-term



Temporary UN cemetery in Pusan, Korea. All identified U.S. dead will be shipped home for final burial. American Battle Monuments Commission plans permanent cemetery and memorial in Korea for all unidentified dead, with markers for all men permanently missing in action. Permanent U.S. graves and markers may be 4,000.

immunity to infantile paralysis viruses.

But March of Dimes' bill in the Year of the Big Test would hit \$75 million, or nearly half again as much as it had ever before raised in one year. Legion posts, looking for a standout community service, could elect to put extra weight behind March of Dimes in '54.

Backing up polio's year of decision, Legion Nat'l Convention in St. Louis (August) resolved that support for March of Dimes in '54 is a nationally sanctioned Legion activity. Seldom does nat'l organization officially bless an outside fund-raising activity.

Grateful for exception to Nat'l Legion policy in its crucial year, March of Dimes on Sept. 17, announced it would award special certificates to those Legion posts that significantly support its '54 fund campaign.

The March of Dimes special awards set no special task for Legionnaires. Help sought was active post support in those services most needed from each post, as worked out with each local March of Dimes Committee.

New Eyes for 100,000

Another exciting community service project in the public health field appeared on Sept. 3. In Bronx County, N. Y., The American Legion, the Lions Club and the Bronx County Medical Society formed a 3-way "sight restoration" team. Team aim: to restore eyesight to tens of thousands of New York City's blind. Joint statement said that 100,000 of the blind in that city could regain their eyesight with six months of the most advanced modern treatment. Actual program could take many years, as most such cases need transplanted eye-parts from donors who leave eyes to blind on their death.

To do job, Medical Society would donate medical skills and services, the Lions would handle administrative and financial problems, while 10,000 Bronx Legionnaires and Auxiliaries would get pledges from citizens to leave their eyes to the blind at death.

WASHINGTON:

New Hoover Group

Recalling the damaging recommendations in the area of veterans affairs made by the first Hoover Commission (1947-49), Legionnaires have directed more & more queries to nat'l Legion offices, asking to be kept posted on the make-up and activities of the brand new Hoover Commission. The new commission was authorized by Public Law 108, last July 10. All members have now been appointed.

The new 12-man group (whose official name is The Commission on Organ-



ization of the Executive Branch of the Government) scheduled an organizing meeting Sept. 29 in the gov't General Accounting Offices on G St., in Washington. It named Frank Brassor, of the Civil Service Commission staff, as executive director.

Its scope is officially broadened. The 1st Hoover Commission was asked to recommend to Congress changes for improved management in federal agencies, bureaus and departments. The new commission is asked to do the same, but is also asked to recommend changes in bureau functions and in basic policies.

Commission's powers are limited to making recommendations to Congress. It is to make its final report in May, 1955, then cease to exist.

On Sept. 24, the old, unofficial Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report came back to life, rededicated itself to lobby for remains of first Hoover Report and whatever report the new Hoover Commission makes.

Six members of the new Hoover Commission were connected with the old one. Five were members. A 6th (banker Sidney Mitchell) was the non-member executive director of the 1st Hoover Commission. Five members of the new Commission are Democrats, five Republicans, and two do not wear a party label in public.

The 12 members are:

1) Herbert Clark Hoover (chmn), 79, Republican; Cal.; ex-President of U. S.;

also Chmn 1st Hoover Commission; Honorary Chmn Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report.

1) James A. Farley, 65, Democrat; N. Y.; ex-Chmn Democratic Nat'l Committee; former Postmaster Gen'l; not on 1st Hoover Commission; a director, Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report.

1) Herbert Brownell, Jr., 49, Republican; N. Y.; lawyer and politician; now U. S. Att'y Gen'l; former Chmn Republican Nat'l Committee; not on 1st Hoover Commission.

1) Arthur Sherwood Flemming, 48, no public party affiliation; Ohio; President Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; ex-member U. S. Civil Service Commission; now Director Office of Defense Mobilization; a member 1st Hoover Commission.

1) Rober G. Storey, 59, Democrat; Texas; corporation lawyer, corporation official and educator; Dean Southern Univ., Dallas; member Legion Nat'l Exec. Committee 1920-21; not a member 1st Hoover Commission.

1) Solomon Cady Hollister, 62, no public party affiliation; N. Y.; civil engineer; expert on structural materials; Dean of Engineering, Cornell Univ.; not a member 1st Hoover Commission.

1) Homer Ferguson, 64, Republican; Mich.; U. S. Senator since 1943; co-sponsor of bill creating new Hoover Commission; not a member 1st Hoover Commission.

1) John L. McClellan, 57, Democrat; Ark.; lawyer; U. S. Senator; in Congress

15 years; a member 1st Hoover Commission.

» Joseph Patrick Kennedy, 65, Democrat Mass. (now Fla.); financier; former Ambassador to Britain; a member 1st Hoover Commission.

» Sidney Alexander Mitchell, 58, Republican; N. Y.; banker; executive director 1st Hoover Commission; present chmn Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report.

» Clarence Brown, 50, Republican; Ohio; publisher; member U. S. House of Representatives; co-sponsor of bill creating new Hoover Commission; a member 1st Hoover Commission.

» Chet Holifield, 49, Democrat; Cal.; member U. S. House of Representatives; long-time Chmn Los Angeles County Central Democratic Committee; not a member 1st Hoover Commission.

Early reports indicate Commission will take on a staff divided into task forces again. Of these, two are of prime interest to veterans — one to study Civil Service and one to study the gov't medical service. Vets' medical care and veterans preference in gov't service are involved. Next Commission meeting is Nov. 16.

BOOKS:

An American Treasury

Victor Lasky found that a year wasn't much time, and 512 pages weren't too much space for the job.

It was a year ago that Hawthorn Books commissioned Lasky to edit a 512 page anthology of the best articles and stories from *The American Legion Magazine*.

At first, his job seemed easy. But as Lasky thumbed the 71 bound volumes of *American Legion Magazine* issues, his 512 pages got smaller & smaller. In 35 years an astonishing array of America's top names and top writers had contributed important or highly entertaining articles and stories to the Legion's

magazine. Name writers like Kelland, Schulberg, Kieran, Woolcott, Zolotow, Sherwood, Terhune, Kjellgaard, Frederick Hazlitt Brennan, Grantland Rice, James Norman Hall, Othman, Tarkington, Zane Grey leaped out at Lasky.

Leaders in American life told their stories: Gen. MacArthur, Eddie Rickenbacker, Wm. Green, Orville Wright, Adm. Byrd, Dr. Fosdick, Billy Rose, Lou Little, Jim Farley and others.

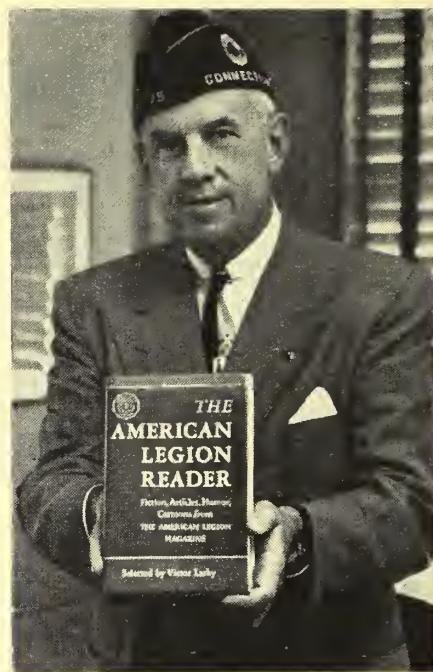
There were standout articles, many in constant reprint demand: John Reese's \$2 Ulcer Cure, Virgil Partch's screaming Army reminiscences, Barnaby Conrad's bullfight yarns, Fairfax Downey's humor, Larry Siegel's zany tales. Heinlein was there with his space stories. Dr. J. B. Rice, with the most entertaining health articles ever written. There was the greatest collection of behind the scenes views of American communism in action in existence, by Gene Lyons, Irene Kuhn, George Sokolsky, Louis Budenz, Vic Riesel, Jan Valtin, Karl Baarslag. Lasky himself (co-author of *Seeds of Treason*) and many others. There was Rabbi Fineberg's revelation of the story behind the Rosenberg furor.

Last month Lasky finished his job. He skimmed the cream off the top, put it together in an American treasury that will stack with the best bedside readers to be had. On Nov. 11, Legion families and the public will have the result in time to add it to their Xmas gift list. Hawthorn Books will release *The American Legion Reader* on Armistice Day.

The huge tome, with 69 outstanding short pieces tailored to every taste, will go on general sale at \$4.95.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

» City of Miami Beach, Fla., has made blanket offer to give every returned Korea POW a free vacation (with wife) in Miami Beach, with all basic expenses paid except for transportation from home to Miami and back. Vacation is offered up to Nov. 15 this year, or any



Nat'l Cmdr Connell and Xmas item

time between April 15 and Nov. 15 next year. Hotel Ass'n offers to put couple up in finest hotels. Restaurant Ass'n offers to feed couple. Servicemen's Center will provide transportation from Miami air or rail terminals to Miami Beach. They hope POW's local vet organizations may want to help out with fare to Miami. Those interested may get further details by writing to Maurice Klein, 420 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida.

» Many posts report "have done" to nat'l request they share in or organize hometown welcomes for returned Korea POWs. Latest reports include big welcomes in Cambridge, Md., Howland, Me., Marlin, Texas.

» The South Carolina Dep't Cmdrs of the 3 largest veterans organizations are all members of Sumter Post 15, American Legion. They are: Legion Dep't Cmdr Martin K. Rosefield, VFW Dep't Cmdr Rob't O. Purdy, III and DAV Dep't Cmdr Clifford O. Wood, a double amputee.

» A complete sound-recording of proceedings of the 1953 Nat'l Convention in St. Louis was made by United Recording Artists, 220 5th Ave., N. Y. 1, N. Y. Persons interested in phono records from the transcription should write the company at above address.

» Peru Post 1, in Lima, Peru, has applied for permanent charter. Post, inspired by visit to Lima of Nat'l Cmdr Warren Atherton in 1944, has had successful nine years under temporary charter.

» Man & wife teams in Legion office are on rise. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Banghart are Cmdr and Adj't of Post 560, Texas; Mr.



President Eisenhower tried new Legion cap (Abilene, Kan. Post 39) and got '54 membership card, Oct. 5, as Nat'l Cmdr Connell (right) knocked on White House door. They reviewed Legion nat'l mandates for '54, and Ike said he shoots 84 in golf.

& Mrs. Frank Van Buren are each post cmdrs in Chicago—he of Post 541, she of Tams Post; Dr. & Mrs. R. D. Rasmussen are Cmdr and Pres. of Post and Unit 41, Demopolis, Ala.

Other family combinations in Legion office are up too. In 1937 Dr. M. K. Upshaw and Clyde Brooks headed, respectively, Post 1 and Voiture 247 in Jackson, Miss. Now their two sons, both juniors, fill the identical offices. Paul Harnes, new Cmdr of Post 67, Puyallup, Wash., is son of Carter Harnes, who commanded post in 1933. More & more reports are in hand of sons following fathers in Legion office. At Nat'l Convention in August, Mary Margaret Fenlon placed name of Lawrence Fenlon (Ill.) in nomination as candidate for Nat'l Cmdr. Old timers said no woman had made a nomination speech at a Nat'l Convention before—and it was certain no daughter had nominated her father for Nat'l Cmdr before.

COMING EVENTS:

Three important nat'l Legion events were set for dates after forms for this issue closed. Accounts in next issue. The three events:

(1) Oct. 10, at Middletown, Conn.—Homecoming of Nat'l Cmdr Arthur J. Connell.

(2) Oct. 12 & 13, at Indianapolis, Ind.—Annual Nat'l Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants.

(3) Oct. 15-17, at Indianapolis, Ind.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

AUGUST 31, 1953

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit....	\$ 235,731.67
Receivables	287,399.43
Inventories	353,885.61
Invested Funds	857,805.28
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 255,909.64
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund	1,269,369.90
	1,525,279.54
Real Estate	973,972.65
Furniture and Fixtures,	
less depreciation	265,997.91
Deferred Charges	78,652.48
	\$4,578,724.57

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 311,372.29
Funds restricted as to use	80,415.03
Deferred Income	834,545.13
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust	\$ 255,909.64
Employees' Retirement	
Trust	1,269,369.90
	1,525,279.54
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund	23,852.30
Restricted Fund..	17,939.98
Reserve for construction	
Wash. Office...	44,699.18
Real Estate	973,972.65
Reserve for Rehabilitation	317,941.07
Reserve for Child Welfare	20,627.54
	1,399,032.72
Unrestricted Capital:	
Excess of Income over Expense	428,079.86
	1,827,112.58
	\$4,578,724.57

—Annual fall meeting of American Legion National Executive Committee.

Other events:

Area "E" (Western) Child Welfare Conference, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore., Nov. 5—Nov. 7. (By resolution of 1953 Nat'l Convention all area conferences after Jan. 1, 1954 will be combined conferences, to include Child Welfare, Rehab, Membership and any other programs planning an area conference.)

National Armistice Day Program, Nov. 11, at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, will again be under direction of American Legion. Extensive program, directed by Owen C. Holleran, Chmn Legion Nat'l Armistice Day Committee, will include: (1) Laying of wreath on tomb of Unknown Soldiers by a representative of President Eisenhower at 11:01 a.m., following taps and a minute of silence, (2) Memorial addresses by Nat'l Cmdr Arthur J. Connell and Army Sec. Rob't Stevens and (3) Offerings by Midshipman Choir, U. S. Naval Academy and music by U. S. Army Band.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

Jobs, honors, activities: Past Nat'l Cmdr Warren Atherton (Cal.), abroad in Sept., studying Swiss defense system for President's Nat'l Security Training Commission . . . R. Worth Shumaker, former

ass't Nat'l Americanism Director, named principal of Mims (Fla.) elementary school . . . Bruce D. Knoblock elected Adj't, Dep't of Mexico . . . Past Nat'l Cmdr Hanford MacNider (Iowa), recovered from stroke and back at work . . . Jack L. Spore, former Adj't, Dep't of Wis., named confidential ass't to VA chief Harvey Higley . . . Milton Reed, resigned as Ass't Adj't Dep't of Louisiana . . . Edward C. Holden, Past Cmdr Rob't L. Hague Post, N. Y., named a Rear Admiral, USNR

Died: Aug.—At St. Albans, W. Va., Francis Wheeler Turner, Past Dep't Cmdr, W. Va. (1937-38). . . . At Omaha, J. Francis McDermott, Past Dep't Cmdr, Neb. . . . Sept.—At San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 2, Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Corregidor . . . At Humboldt, Tenn., Mrs. Nancy Shumate, age 108, oldest member American Legion Auxiliary. . . . At Tripler Hospital, Hawaii, Adna G. Clarke, Past Dep't Cmdr, Hawaii. . . . At Salt Lake City, Ferris R. Thomassen, Nat'l Exec. Committeeman from Utah (1951-53). . . . At Sedalia, Mo., Peter T. O'Brien, Past Dep't Cmdr, Mo. (1931-32). . . . At Yountville, Cal., Col. Nelson M. Holderman, Commandant, Veterans Home of Calif. . . . At New York, George d'Utassy, publisher, re-established American Legion Weekly in 1920.



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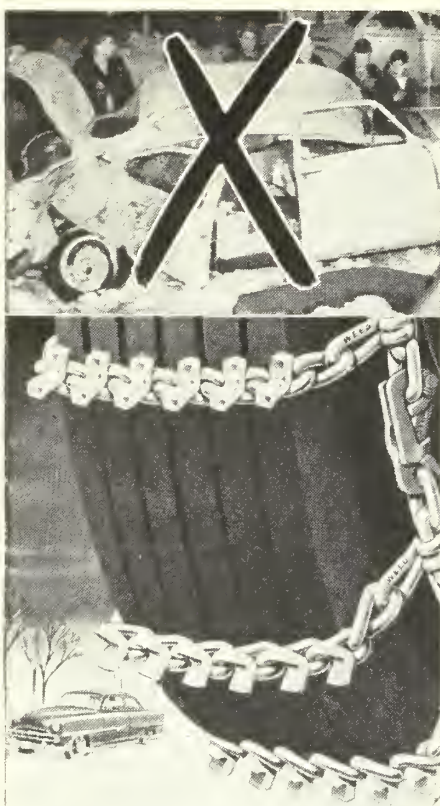
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VA Paying \$64 Million Extra Dividend on War I Insurance

A 64 million dollar special dividend (averaging \$168 per policy) on USGLI (War I) life insurance, was announced by VA on Oct. 15, with checks going out on or about that date.

Dividend began going in a single mailing to holders of permanent War I gov't policies that were more than five years old last New Years Day. There are about 380,000 such policies.

Payment of the special dividend, said VA, was in addition to the regular 1953 dividend (totalling \$23 million) distributed this year on permanent plan USGLI policy anniversary dates.

Emphasizing that the special rebate went to most established permanent plan policyholders, VA pointed out that three main groups of policies did *not* earn the special dividend. They were:

(1) 5-year term policies, (2) Policies in force under extended insurance (on which premium payments have prematurely ceased and the insurance is maintained as term insurance using cash

value of the policy as term premiums) and (3) New permanent policies issued during the 5-year period prior to Jan. 1, 1953.

The amount of individual payments of the special dividend, said VA, was based on 4 factors. They were:

(1) The plan of insurance, (2) Age of the insured when policy was issued, (3) Length of time policy has been in force, and (4) The amount of the policy.

Because of individual variations in these factors, VA told this magazine, "... checks received by different policyholders will vary in amount according to variations in any of the 4 factors on which the amount is based. . . ."

The special dividend was paid, said a VA spokesman, "... because the trend of mortality and disability experience under USGLI has made possible the release of some of the [permanent plan] reserves that were being maintained. . . . The same trend has been observed in commercial insurance."

HOLLYWOOD:

A Skunk and A Rose

Not long ago many Hollywood producers said. "We'd just love to make good, genuinely American pix, but you just can't do it. They come out silly."

Two movie releases of recent months bear on that subject—one a skunk, one a rose.

MGM's *Take the High Ground* is a good American film and a good film. Pic develops from simple theme of one infantry platoon going through basic at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and from the problems of Sgt. Ryan (Richard Widmark) who has to turn his nondescript "young people" into U. S. infantrymen in 16 weeks.

Pic has everything that entertainment seekers wish—top-flight laughs, thrills, conflict, character, love, music, acting & direction. It will be box office success, and is fine example of material lying around America for producers who like to make dough and be American too.

Studio head Dore Schary personally produced *Take the High Ground*, went far to get away from phony Hollywood stereotypes that have made "good American" pix silly in past. For instance, the inevitable bird in platoon who asks: "What's it all about?" in tense, self-pitying tones is *not* the brainiest man in the

platoon. He is, as in real life, the poor, unstable devil who is closer to Section 8 than the rest.

Over in the skunk department is an independent production that Columbia released (while someone was asleep?) last summer. This civet is called *The Glass Wall*. It has phony message and is punk entertainment.

Some call *Glass Wall* a bit of commie art. However, plot suggests it is just soft-boiled egg-headery. Pic shows refugee from Europe arriving hopefully in U. S. only to learn through bitter experience, concocted by script writer out of no known facts, that America is land that hounds, persecutes refugees.

In last scene, chased by U. S. police goons, refugee finds shelter in glass-walled UN bldg. in N. Y., where U. S. hounds can't touch him. In empty room, he makes impassioned plea for human rights. U. S. audiences have sneered at pic. It could knife U. S. in back when shown, as it is now being shown, in Europe. However, a London review received gives it a raking.

Of these two pics, the un-American one came out silly.

SORRY

The caption under the picture of the Kiltie Drum and Bugle Corps, page 34, October issue was in error. The corps is from Racine, Wisconsin.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

90th Division Field Hospitals; Mobile Field Laboratory; Base Hospital 55 (France) Nov-Dec 1918, Jan 1919—Need to hear from buddies who knew of my dysentery and abdominal disturbances. Had duty with above mobile lab, and field hospitals 357,358,359. Lab staff included Capt. Grones, Lt. Robertson and 16 others. Was hospitalized in Base Hospital 55. Pending claim depends on statements of men who recall me. Write **Ellis W. Cookson**, 256 North Topeka, Wichita 2, Kansas.

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., 15th Bn. Co. E (Aug 4, 1918)—Need to hear from men who recall incident of men knocked out from overdosage of medicine on above date. Especially Cpt. Kent, Lt. Soures and Company Cmdr. Geo. B. Galloway. Claim pending. Write **Horace C. Hogan**, Acworth, Ga.

106 Infantry Div., 806 Ord. L. M. Co., (Fort Jackson, S. Car.) Oct. 1943—Need to hear from men who were with me when I was seriously burned on right hand and arm by gasoline stove. Claim pending. I was a cook, Sgt. T/4. Major Clemons was our unit doctor at time. Write **James M. Williams**, 2618 West Cloverdale, Owensboro, Ky.

Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo., 3rd Q.M.T.R., Co. H. (July 7, 1942)—Need to hear from Dr. A. C. Felburn who treated me for a hand injury at 3rd Dispensary, and from any others who knew of my hand injury. Statement needed to establish service connection. Write **Henry J. Fletcher**, 223 S.W. 4th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. (The above notice appeared in Sept., with Fletcher's address inadvertently misstated. If comrades have written and mail was returned, please write again to address above. Editors)

741 A.A. Gunner Bn., Co. C (Milne Bay, New Guinea) 1943-44—Would anyone who knew me and knew of my shoulder and stomach condition please write. Need statement for disability claim. Write **Zehulon P. Perry, Jr.**, care of Veterans Service Officer, Lillingston, N. C.

49th Field Artillery Bn., Survey Section (WW2)—A year ago **Lloyd D. Johnson**, formerly of Laurel, Neb., passed away following sudden headaches and a brain operation. Johnson had told wife he'd been struck on head in action and saved by helmet, but gave no details before his death. Widow's claim now depends on ascertaining head blow in action. Anybody who can verify Johnson being knocked down in action (though he continued fighting at the time) please write Mrs. Lloyd D. Johnson, Route 2, Boone, Iowa. Johnson known to have seen action in Aleutians (May-Aug '43); Marshall Islands (Jan-Feb '44); Philippines (Oct '44-Feb '45); Ryukyus (April-June '45) and perhaps elsewhere.

854th Ordnance H.M.A. Co. APO 4915, NY, WW2—Will anyone who served with this outfit and remembers Sgt. **Donald C. Collins** please write. Statements needed for claims purposes. Write Veterans Service Officer, P.O. Box 208, Bucyrus, Ohio.

1304 Eng'r Construction Bn., Co. B, Lido Road (Burma), 1944-45—Will anyone who knew **Richard B. Roth** ("the artist") please write. Statement needed to establish service connection. Write **Abe Roth**, Jeffersonville, N. Y.

7th Armored Div., 48th Armored Inf. Bn., Co. C ETO, 1944-45—Need to hear from buddies. Claim pending. Especially want to contact Lt. Lemon, S/Sgt. Hoppy, T/5 McCarthy, PFC Gonzales, PFC Tate and others in same mortar squad. Write **Henry A. Vrazel**, Route 2, Jarrell, Texas.

Camp Kearns, Utah, Oct-Nov. 1944—Need statements from comrades who attended gas range, and can testify to demonstrations of mustard and phosgene gases. Claim for service connection of lung condition depends on statements. Write **Michael F. LaMantia**, 1551 Methyll St., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

29th Div., 116th Inf., 1st Bn. C Co., Bomb Disposal Demolition Team. (St. Lo, France) July, 1944—Need statement from men who recall injury to **Robert P. Daly** while outfit was pulled back at St. Lo, or recall his hospitalization at a base hospital in England. Recalls a Capt. Hawkes, and crew of plane dubbed "Patches." If these or others will write, claim may be established. Write Mrs. **Robert P. Daly**, 612 1/2 S. Victory Blvd., Burbank, Cal.

Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., Station Hospital, Sept-Nov '43—Need to hear from Dr. Ward John White, Jerry Marchese, Louis Biaggio, Wm. Fustine, Gemellaro, Wills and any other men who were in hospital with me at above time. Claim pending. Write **Joseph A. Gheri**, 35 Baxter Place, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

398th Inf. Regt., Co. B & 15th Inf. Regt., Co. I, 1945-46—Need to hear from men who served with me to help establish claim for stomach condition. Write **Fred E. Eggers**, 225 2nd St., S.W., Hickory, N. C.

Fort Meade, Md., 1st Reg't., 2nd Bn., Co. B, Replacement Depot #1, March, 1945—Will Lt. Clarence Amshoff, 1st Sgt. Gerald Hanna or Cap't Barker please contact me. Statements needed for claim for back injury on March



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- 30, 1945. Write former Cpl. Lorenz Messman, Woodburn, Indiana, c/o Legion Post 377.
- 145th Infantry, HQ Co., 2nd Army Maneuvers (Wiscnslu) Aug. 1940**—Will anyone who served with James F. Browning please contact me. It is my only hope for information pertaining to his present condition. Claim pending. Write Mrs. J. F. Browning, 1933 W. 54th St., Cleveland 2, Ohio.
- 34th Div., 133 Infantry, Co. D (Italy) WW2**—Anxious to contact anyone who was with me or near me when my pack mule and I fell down the mountain, or any others who knew of my resultant injury. Disabled from fall and need statements to establish service-connection. Write William T. Harper, 1636 Mansfield St., Port Huron, Mich.
- 140th and 125th General Army Hospital (England) WW2**—Urgent I contact Cap't Gill and Cap't Bugdon who treated me shortly after being wounded in left shoulder and lungs, and blinded in combat. Wounded at Vire, France, transferred to England. Need statements for claim. Write Luther R. Horner, Rte. 1, Box 165, Monticello, Fla.
- 65th Medical Bn. and 52nd Medical Bn., (Camp Barkley, Texas) Feb-May 1943**—Need to hear from men who served with me and knew of my back injury and arms hurting. Also would like to contact Cpl. Jack T. Horne. Claim pending. Write Charlie A. Brady, Rte. 1, Tryon, N. C.
- 50 Co. T.C. R.R. Engineers (WW1)**—Need to contact Walter L. Lydia or any other men who knew of my injury in a speeder wreck at Bassin's Dock in July 1919. Claim pending. Write Ulysses S. Plum, Rte. 1, Tunnelton, W. Va.
- Fort Dix, N. J., April, 1947, 44th Training Bn., Co. B**—Would like to hear from any men who served with Harold S. Johnson, to help us with a claim pending. Write Frederick M. Browning, Dep't Service Officer, American Legion, 100 Fountain St., Providence 3, R. I.
- Camp Livingston, La., Station Hospital and Hospital Motor Pool (1944)**—Would like to contact the MP who was with me in an ambulance wreck outside camp in 1944. Also anyone in motor pool who recalls wreck. Claim pending. Need statements. Write ex-Cpl. Earl Q. Stinson, PO Box 416, Kentwood, La.
- Camp Roberts, Calif., S.C.U. #1928, HQ Det. Range Section (WW2)**—Need to contact tentmates and other comrades who recall the beginnings of my arthritis in service. Now disabled and claim pending. Man I worked with named Hague, and others, should remember. Write Arthur S. Childers, Jr., 182 Vineyard Road, N.W., Albuquerque, N. M.
- 36th Div. Medical Detachment (Camp Claiborne, La.) WW2**—Need to locate Thomas N. Clayton who served with above outfit in 1941. Statement needed for claim. Write Hernian R. Gaillard, Ripley, Miss.
- 3rd Div., 15th Infantry Reg't, Co. A (WW2)**—My son Pvt. Arthur J. Harvey was wounded in Italy May 25, 1945 and died in an Army hospital the following day. No further information ever received. Will comrades who knew him and circumstances of his injury and death please write his mother. Claim pending. Please write Mrs. Lillie Harvey, P.O. Box 51, Ruth, N. C.
- 3368 Signal Service Bn., Hawaii, 1945**—Would like to contact former Lt. Roger D. Blank, or any others who knew of my back injury. Claim pending. Please write: John W. Kilroy, 2226 Cranston St., Cranston, R. I.
- 969th QMC (Pecos, Texas) Sept. 1944**—Need to contact any men who remember my eye accident, to support claim. Especially George Freeland and Wm. Kirkland (both Jacksonville, Fla.); O'Dell Jones and Frank Allen (both Tampa, Fla.); T. C. Johnson and Roger Timas (Amarillo, Tex.). Write Charles J. Horton, Drawer B, No. 598, Stormville, N. Y.

WAC

- WAC, Bolling Field, D. C., 1943-45**—Urgent I contact comrades with me when I was Sgt. Mandy, director of Bolling Field Service Club. Statements needed for claim. Write Mrs. Mary Mandy Oster, 730 Alta Vista Drive, Sierra Madre, California.

Air

- Army Air Corps, Basic Training, Biloxi, Miss., July 1944**—Need to hear from men who remember me seriously injuring my head on a truck while working with them loading and unloading. They knew me as Pop Cowles. I was a basic training instructor. Claim pending. Write Claude R. Cowles, Company 2, VA Center, Martinsburg, W. Va.
- Air crash, Las Vegas, Nev., and 93rd Tech. School Sqdn.**—Will anyone who knew the late Mark F. Moye (Sgt. Gunner) and knew of his multiple injuries when he crash-landed on a training flight at Las Vegas please contact his widow. Statement needed for widow's claim. Write Mrs. Margaret J. Moye, 177 So. Main St., Windsor, Vt.

Airbase 470 (England); 4th Strategic Air Depot, 1945—Urgently need to contact Sgt. Gohlke, who accidentally struck me on head with an iron bar while we were both working on an airplane wing. Injury now causing increasing disability, and Gohlke is only man who can state service-connected origin to help establish claim. Please write Howard W. Phelps, Strandburg, S. D.

Navy and Marines

- USS Indianapolis**—Comrades who know of Joseph E. Dronet being in water for many hours before being rescued when USS Indianapolis was sunk in July of '45 please write. Claim pending. Write Joseph E. Dronet, PO Box 559, Cameron, La.
- Armed Guard, S.S. John Henry**—Will shipmates who were aboard this vessel in 1943, under command of Lt. John S. Hager, on trip to London via English Channel, please write to help with claim. Write Stanley B. Kinschel, 2451 N. 5th St., Harrisburg, Pa.
- Marine Corps, aboard U.S.S. Honolulu at Leyte landing, Oct. 20, 1944**—Will those who know of injury to Bonnie B. Briley write Mrs. Hazel Melteberger, Veterans Service Sect'y, PO Box 1115, Alliance, Neb.
- 5th Marine Div., 26th Marines, H & S Co. (Iwo Jima)**—Need to locate anyone who knew of head injury to S/Sgt. Edward J. Crowley at Iwo Jima. Claim pending. Write Mrs. Edward J. Crowley, 25 Constitution St., Providence 7, R. I.
- Camp Lejeune, N. C. July 25, 1952**—My brother, Raul Colon Lazoa, was reported dead in an accident at Camp Lejeune on above date. Will anyone who knows circumstances please write Miss Delia Colon, Box 392, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
- U. of Wisconsin, Naval Radio Service School (1943-44)**—Would like to contact the doctor or doctors who treated me for sinusitis, or anyone remembering my case. Claim pending. Write Robert C. McCain, 28 Cotter St., San Francisco 12, Calif.
- U.S.S. Macaw (WW2) at Freemantle, and sinking of**—Will anyone who recalls explosion of high-pressure tank injuring John E. Leigh (MM1/c) or his hospitalization at U. S. Submarine Base, Freemantle, Australia—or who recalls the sinking of the Macaw, please write. Particularly Chief Mach. L. W. Lightner and Lt. (jg) L. L. Harrison. Need help to establish service-connection. Write Mrs. John E. Leigh, So. Fontana Ave., Tucson 2, Ariz.
- Camp Lejeune, N. C., 2nd Marine Div., 2nd Motor Transport Bn., Co. D, 1951**—Will anyone who knows of foot injury to Hubert Miller—particularly Lt. Hall who treated injury—please write to help establish claim. Write Joseph E. Dronet, Service Officer, PO Box 559, Cameron, La.
- Com. Fair Photo Group 2; Photo Recon. Squad 5 (Guam) 1945**—Need to contact men who knew me on Guam in 1945, and corpsman who treated my jungle rot then. Please write Leonard P. Leherg, Pittsville, Wis.
- U.S.S. Coral Sea (1950)**—Would like to hear from Cmdr. Heggy, Slim Beyer or other shipmates who remember my fall from ladder on board ship in Mediterranean in July 1950. Statements needed for claim. Write Herbert (Stuh) Settel, 239 Prospect St., Owego, N. Y.
- U.S.S. Tattamal, APD 19 (WW2)**—Need to contact the following men who were aboard at time of decommissioning at pier 63, Seattle: Charles Pyle, PhM 2/c; "Rock" Reynolds of N. C.; Ken Westberg of Long Island, N. Y.; E. P. Dore of Buffalo, N. Y.; W. P. Walsh of Revere, Mass.; Wiazek of Trenton, N. J. Need statement to help establish claim for back injury to E. A. Mantey. Write Amos M. Kelly, Service Officer, Legion Post 73, Maupin, Ore.
- Yerba Buena Island (Goat Island) US Naval Training Station (WW1)**—To rectify error in my hospital record I need to locate the Pharmacists Mate 1/c who ran the main barracks sick bay in the fall of 1918. Will anyone who can recall his name or who knows anyone who might know him please write: Bill Glanella, Rt. 1, Box 409, Niles, Calif.

having information concerning him please write Mrs. Arnold Terry, Rt. 2, Marengo, Ohio.

- 2nd Div., 38th Inf. Reg't, Co. D**—My son, PFC Joseph N. DeHaan was reported to have died of intestinal tuberculosis in Camp 2, North Korea, Feb. 19, 1952. Will any buddies who were with him when he died please write his mother: Mrs. G. DeHaan, Rt. 5, Red Lake Falls, Minn.
- 2nd Div., 23rd Inf. Reg't, Co. C**—Our son, Robert Raess, known as "Monk", was reported missing in action Sept. 1, 1950, vicinity of Nank-tong River. Was in Co. H, 9th Inf. Reg't before going overseas. Anyone with any information about him please write Mr. & Mrs. John Raess, Rt. 3, Dodgeville, Wis.
- 24th Inf. Div., 63rd Field Artillery Bn.**—Our son, 2nd Lt. Raymond E. Pearson, reported missing in action July 14, 1950 near Kongju, Korea while commanding battalion ammo train. Will anyone who has any information about him please write Mr. & Mrs. Ray Pearson, Rt. 1, Crawfordville, Ind.
- 7th Cav. Reg't Co. B**—My nephew, William John Mills, reported missing in action, Nov. 1, 1951 at Sagong, Korea. Anyone who was with him or knows what happened to him please write his uncle, Clyde B. Westfall, Sr., 30 Kensington Ave., Jersey City, N. J.
- 38th Field Artillery Bn., B Bat.**—My son, PFC William P. Friley, was reported missing in action in Korea, Nov. 30, 1950. Will anyone who knows what happened to him please write his father: Charles E. Friley, 1716 Chester Road, Pomeroy, Ohio.
- 439 Eng'r Const. Bn., Co. B**—My son, PFC Jim H. Jackson was reported missing in action, July 28, 1952 in Korea. Will any of his buddies who know what happened to him please write his mother: Mrs. Minneola Jackson, Gen. Delivery, Trinity, Texas.
- 2nd Div., 38th Inf. Reg't**—Anxiously await word from my son, Corp. George Torres, reported missing in action Dec. 2, 1950 near Kunu-ri, North Korea. Will anyone who knows anything about him please write his mother: Mrs. Adella Torres, PO Box 304, Deming, New Mexico.
- 2nd Div., 23rd Inf. Reg't, Co. K**—Would appreciate very much hearing from anybody who knew Corp. James S. Armentrout and the details of his disappearance. Reported missing in action May 18, 1951, near Hangye. Not on POW list. No word since then. Please write Mrs. Ethel L. Armentrout, Whitmer, W. Va.
- 18th Fighter Bomber Wing, 67th Fighter Bomber Sqdn.**—Will anyone having any information on 1st Lt. George Patton, last seen approximately ten miles south of Pyongyang, North Korea on June 13, 1952, please write to A/1c Donald R. Smith, AF 23028952, 740th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Ellsworth AF Base, Rapid City, S. D.
- 24th Inf. Div., 24th Rec.**—Parents and wife of 1st Lt. George W. Kristanoff, taken prisoner in July, 1950, anxious to hear from his buddies. Latest report was that he had made an escape from North Korea prison camp. Please write: Edward F. Loughrea, Veterans Service Officer, Court House, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.
- 32nd Inf. Reg't, Co. G**—My son, Corp. Jack Richardson, reported missing in action Nov. 7, 1952. Will anyone who knows anything about him please write his mother: Mrs. Griffin Richardson, 109 Dodge Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
- 2nd Div., 2nd Eng'r Combat Bn., Co. A**—No word from or about our son, Corp. Robert E. Carpenter, since missing in action Dec. 1, 1950 at road block south of Kunu-ri, North Korea. Will appreciate any word about him or circumstances of his disappearance. Write: Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Carpenter, 1605 South Jackson, Enid, Okla.
- 24th Replacement Co. (2)**—My son, Fred B. Sayre, was reported missing in action when his company's position was overrun near Uhyon-ri, April 27, 1951. Am not sure what company he was with, as he was missing shortly after being in the above replacement company in Japan. Can anyone tell me anything about him? Please write: Mrs. Ruth Sayre, Hillsboro, N. D.
- 7th Div., 32nd Inf. Reg't, Co. B**—My son, Corp. Robert F. Shambaugh, was killed at Seoul, Korea, Sept. 22, 1950. Would like to hear from anyone who was with him. Please write: Mrs. Arthur Shambaugh, Bloemery Star Route, Winchester, Va.
- 2nd Div., 38th Inf. Reg't, Co. A**—My son, PFC Louis Brodur, reported killed near Taenson, Aug. 21, 1951. No record of burial, no personal effects returned. Will greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him. Please write his father: Frank Brodur, 1733 Polk St., San Francisco 9, Calif.
- 24th Div., 19th Inf. Reg't, Co. A**—Will appreciate word from anyone who knew my son, PFC John Kenneth Riffe, and who can give me any details of the action, Jan. 1, 1951, when he was reported missing—or from parents of boys missing at same time. Please write: Mrs. Sylvia Riffe, Box 87, Homer, Ohio.

MISSING IN KOREA

- 1st Cavalry Div., 8th Cavalry Reg't, Co. K**—My brother, Corp. Leland F. Blakeslee was reported missing in action Nov. 2, 1950 near the Yalu River. Will greatly appreciate any word about him or the circumstances of his disappearance. Please write Mrs. Wm. J. Mead, Main St., Richburg, N. Y.
- 24th Inf. Reg't, Medical Corps**—My son, Paul E. Terry, reported missing in action July, 1950. Last seen near Taejon, Korea. Will anyone

- 31st Inf. Reg't, Co. M—Anxious to hear from anyone who can tell me about my husband, **Fred R. Cornell**, missing since Nov. 28, 1950 in Korea. Please write Mrs. Juanita Cornell, 616 E. North, Anaheim, Calif.
- 5th Inf. Reg't, R.C.T., Co. B—My son, Pvt. **Anthony Mattucci**, missing in action in Punch Bowl area June 20, 1952. Buddies with knowledge of what happened to him please write his mother: Mrs. Paris Mattucci, 230 E. 67th St., N. Y. 21, N. Y.
- 38th Field Artillery Bn., Bat. A—Will anyone with details of what happened to PFC **Stanley F. Peterson** please write his mother. Became a POW, Nov. 30, 1950 and one letter was rec'd from POW Camp. Was later said to have died in POW camp. Please write: Mrs. Agnes Peterson, Rt. 9-4, Waretown, N. J., or Milton D. Sewell, Service Officer, American Legion Post 232, Barnegat, N. J.
- 2nd Inf. Div., 2nd Eng'rs, Bn. C, H&S Co.—My son, Sgt. **Richard H. Stewart**, reported captured Nov. 30, 1950 and heard from once since. Would appreciate any word from buddies who may know what happened to him. Write: Mrs. Ray Stewart, 227 W. 116th Place, Los Angeles 61, Calif.
- 24th Inf. Div., 23rd Inf. Reg't—I will appreciate any information regarding my son, **Ralph Merrill Jr.**, reported missing in action in Korea July 5, 1950. Write: Mrs. Lula G. Merrill, Meredith, N. H.
- 7th Div., 32nd Inf., Co. A—My nephew, Pvt. **Thomas J. Turner**, missing in action near Chosen Reservoir since Dec. 2, 1950. Will any comrades who knew anything about him please write. Would especially like to get in touch with Lt. Johns of my nephew's company. Write: Miss Ada King, Rt. 1, Box 300, Jasper, Ala.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

- 29th Div. (Blue & Grey)—Dept. of N. Y. reunion and convention, New York City, Nov. 14; Hotel George Washington. Details from Chairman Harold P. O'Hara, 520 East 20th St., New York 9, N. Y.
- 45th Inf. Div.—8th annual reunion, Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 6-8; Registration Chrmn., Raymond S. McLain, Jr., 101 First National Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 77th Div. (WW1 & WW2)—Annual dance and reunion, New York City, Nov. 7; Hotel Roosevelt. Info from George W. Allen, Chrmn. c/o 77th Div. clubhouse 28 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.
- 81st Div. (Wildcat)—National reunion, Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 21-22; Hotel Sir Walter. Write Wildcat Vets Assn. Inc., 1325 Wilson Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.
- 82nd Div. (WW1 and WW2 Airborne)—66th semi-annual reunion and dinner, Macon, Ga., Nov. 8; Dempsey Hotel. Contact James F. Brown, Jr., Sec. P. O. Box 216, Macon, Ga.
- 90th Div.—35th annual reunion, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 13-15; Jefferson Hotel. Write Ernest L. Tutt, Pres. 90th Div. Assoc., 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Tex.
- 810th Sig. Serv. Bn.—Reunion, New York City, Oct. 31; Astor Hotel. Info from Larry Pike, 1470 Parkchester Rd., Apt. 1-B, New York 62, N. Y.
- 52nd Pioneer Inf. (AEF)—34th annual reunion, New York City, Nov. 7; Hotel Governor Clinton. Write Thomas E. Sinton, 2257 University Ave., New York 68, N. Y.
- 322nd Field Signal Bn.—35th anniversary reunion, north Calif. sector San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 7; New Tivoli Restaurant, 1438 Grant Ave. Details from J. Merkelbach 505 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Calif. Southern Calif. sector reunion Los Angeles, Nov. 14; Write Dave Levenson, 542 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. for details.
- 2nd A. A. M. G. Batt. (WW1)—35th annual Armistice Day reunion, New York City, Nov. 8. Contact Hank Hanford, 230 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.
- Co. C, 311th Inf. 78th Div. (WW1)—Annual reunion, Elizabeth, N. J., Nov. 10; Elks Club. Write Edward Leahy, 289 No. Broad St., Elizabeth, N. J.
- 158th Field Hosp. (WW1)—35th annual reunion, San Jose, Calif., Nov. 14; Details from Sec. George Conrad Baker, 1937 Park Ave., San Jose 26, Calif.
- 356th Inf. Regt. (WW1)—34th annual reunion, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 14; Pickwick Hotel. Reservations from Mr. Inghram D. Hook, Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Mo.
- Evac. Hosp. Unit 37—35th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 21; Bismarck Hotel. Contact Max A. Goldstein, Corres. Sec'y Evac. Hosp. #37, Rm. 1665, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 8, Ill.
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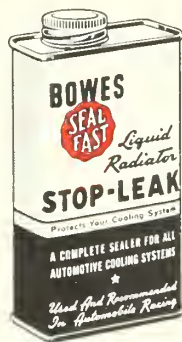
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want the red Chinese as customers, why don't they peddle their wares to them instead of to us? They might have to, if Americans only realized how little help the British government has been giving us.

Paul V. Gallagher
Atlanta, Ga.

SUGGESTION

Sir: The matter of sending *The American Legion Magazine* to the European libraries is often brought up. May I offer a suggestion? I suggest that you obtain the addresses of all the American libraries in Europe and print them regularly in the magazine with the request that the members send their magazines over there when they are finished with them. I send all of mine to Stuttgart after reading them.

Frank Heidel
Harrisburg, Pa.

RECIPE FOR RUSSKYS

Sir: In his recent article on Soviet "hate" movies, William A. Ulman mentions that apparently there was only one bottle of American whiskey (Old Sunnybrook) in all Russia since it appears in film after film, being appreciatively consumed by red actors. Possibly it is because they have been so long denied such products of free enterprise as Old Sunnybrook and other fine beverages from the distilleries of capitalism that the once cheerful and peaceful people of Russia are now so hatefully truculent. Who can imagine even the most virulent of communists remaining long out of step with mankind if he were exposed daily and in the proper surroundings to the julep concocted with fine bourbon and Kentucky mint grown on the shady side of the house?

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DANGER FROM SOCIALISM

Sir: If Russia should collapse tomorrow, the U.S. still would be in deadly danger from suicidal socialism. The reason is that the poison of socialism, both Marxian and Fabian, systematically spread over America since 1905, has penetrated and corroded practically every phase of our national life. Educational and religious institutions, labor unions, the government itself, and even businessmen, have been indoctrinated with the false philosophy of Marxian socialism which has thousands of fanatical advocates in key positions. Since 1933 Congress has enacted into law over one third of the 1928 Communist Party USA program, and un-American socialistic legislation controls much of the lives of U.S. citizens. The increasing grip of ruinous socialism on America is evident on every

hand. Most discouraging is the capitulation of the Administration itself to collectivist influence as seen in: The Korean truce favoring the communists, opposition to the Bricker amendment, legislation to admit more immigrants to the U.S., veiled opposition to Senator McCarthy's fight against communists, softness towards public power, advocacy of more expanded "social security" — SOCIALISM of the type which is disintegrating Britain.

Stanley F. Morse
Wadmalaw Island, S. C.

ECONOMY

Sir: I commend *The American Legion Magazine* in looking after the vets, but when is *The American Legion* going to look after the vets in the service, the career men? Economy is the Congressional password now, and so members of the Armed Services feel it first, little pay cuts here and there. Can the Armed Services get by on an enlisted complement made up entirely of "short term or one-hitch enlisted men" or inductees, or appointees? The backbone of the enlisted structure of personnel is comprised mainly of career personnel, and to keep career men in it is necessary to compensate us financially to support our families.

Name Withheld
San Francisco

WARN, WARN AND RE-WARN

Sir: Congratulations on your editorial *The Big Sellout* which appeared in the July edition of your magazine. Why would anyone be so foolish as to accept the proposals of our allies to recognize red China and thus allow her to be seated in the U.N.? My government teacher warned us against this away back in May. Don't the American people know how dangerous that would be? Let's not be dupes and accept the communist propaganda. Keep up the good work! Warn, warn and re-warn us against the "propaganda peddlers."

Mildred Baker
Middletown, Ohio

HAPPY MEDIUM

Sir: Obviously Richard Wynn, Assistant Professor of Education at Columbia's Teachers College, feels that the principles listed in Mr. Conniff's article *The TC Story* are the best possible ones e.g. agnosticism, anti-dogmatic in the extreme, friendly to every new idea, for he fails to admit that there might possibly be a happy medium between these extremes and the ones he assumes Mr. Conniff was advocating. I am not a progressive education witch hunter, but I feel Mr. Wynn's letter does not do the school justice any more than did Mr. Conniff's article.

L. Holland Barton
Annapolis, Md.

GEORGE'S PRIVATE GEESSE

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tip when his hunter came in first with the limit.

The sight of geese had been unexpected. As a rule they didn't come into Round-Pond any more. In the old days a scattered few would drop in, but rice fields and a new state refuge further up the river had begun to attract them now.

He found himself considering the presence of this flock very carefully. He had hunted the Delta country ever since he could remember and was as familiar with the ways and habits of migratory birds as any man could be. He knew that geese, if left unmolested, often visit the same field for days. Since there had been no sign of them before, he reasoned that he had run across this bunch on their first day here. There was a possibility that after feeding and resting peacefully in the submerged corn all day they would be back the first thing in the morning. A hunter might be able to get in one or two shots before the duck hunting all over the area frightened them off.

A group of teal whistled in over his head and whiffled daintily into the flooded corn fifty yards from where he sat in the boat. That should make it even better.

The sky now blazed with the red that only November can bring to the Mississippi sunset. Across the lake a long string of mallards worked lazily along the tree-tops. Roosting time. And later than he had thought. The members would be getting down from Memphis and wondering about him.

He pulled the cord on the motor.

He hoped that tonight he would draw Mr. Wiltshire, the lawyer, or Mr. Tom, the banker from Clarksdale. Both were good hunters and "real sportsmen." The term "real sportsmen" carried a very special significance with George. No one was included in that hallowed group who was averse to generous tipping. There were a few borderline cases in Round-Pond Club, and some who seemed to remain forever outside the circle. Mr. Tom and Mr. Wiltshire, however, were young and never failed to qualify. They occupied firm positions in the warmest cockles of the old darky's heart. They would go big for a shot at a goose.

The thought of drawing Dr. Ransom, the surgeon from Memphis, chilled the warmth of his reflections. Often in idle moments he had amused himself wondering how Dr. Ransom could have so much money and be so tight with it.

The boat nosed into the landing just below the clubhouse. Stepping to the bank, George looked up to see a familiar figure shuffle from the shadows of a big sycamore close by. "Young Bill" Johnson, another colored paddler, ambled forward with a broad grin. He was a loose, gangling sort of youth for whom George had little use. "Young Bill" was most often found sleeping somewhere whenever George or anyone else needed him. Whenever he had a little money, which wasn't often, he might be found on his knees in the midst of the small floating dice game the guides managed to keep running during the off-hours of the season. His usefulness was rather limited except when it came to calling ducks and getting his parties plenty of shooting. At this "Young Bill" Johnson was practically without a peer. Consequently, his tips ran rather high and the competition between him and George ran more than fairly keen.

"Young Bill" had his own system for procuring information on the duck population before the big Saturday morning shoot.

He stood there with a combination watermelon and jack-o-lantern grin on his face.

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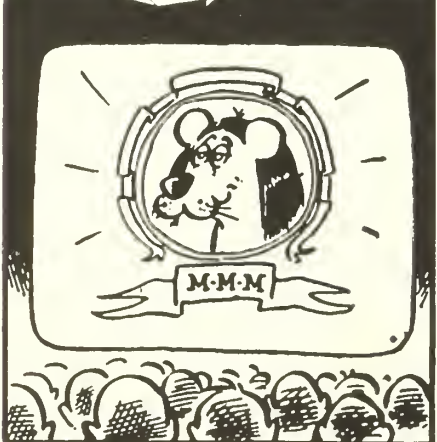


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George. Wants to know if you seen many out there today."

"Man, them ducks is scarce!" exclaimed George, wise to the ways of this upstart.

"Big bunch came over here a little while ago headed for the lower end. Guess you saw 'em down there?"

"Must of turned off."

Without a further glance, George strolled past the younger man. He went straight to the clubhouse.

Dick Wiltshire leaned in the door, smiling.

"The whole club is here, George. Dr. Ransom brought a guest."

"I didn't know y'all had guests on Saturday morning, Mr. Dick." He knew the by-laws of the club as well as any member.

"Well, this is a sort of special one, George. He's a young soldier. Just back from Korea. We took a vote and none of us wanted to keep him from coming. He's never been hunting before."

The old guide went inside. He shook hands with the members, all familiar faces. To a man they gathered around to say hello to him.

He wondered which would be his hunter. To their queries about the ducks he answered he was sure they would get some shooting. He kept his secret about the geese.

Then Dr. Ransom called someone across the room. "Sergeant," he said, "come here and meet George. He's the most important man around here."

George laughed with the rest good naturedly. He shook hands with the young man, looking into eyes that should have been brighter in so young a face. There was, however, a look of deep respect there that touched the old paddler. Apparently the men had already talked of him to the soldier, and

what they had said had impressed the boy.

Minutes later when he was bringing in firewood George overheard Dr. Ransom talking. The soldier had gone outside on the porch.

"The kid saw a lot of it," he was saying. "Inchon, Pusan, and up along the Yalu River."

"Where did you say he was from?" asked Wiltshire.

"Chicago. His father's a friend of mine. Seems the kid has been sort of let down and nervous since he got home. His Dad wants me to work with him a little while and see if I can help him. Nice boy. I sure hope he gets his limit in the morning. A thing like that could do him a world of good."

George put down his load of wood and walked out to the porch. The young man was standing there with a cigarette, looking across the lake.

This was no new story, the old guide thought as he went to the other end of the porch for more firewood. From beneath lowered eyebrows he began an intent and burning study of this quiet man. He watched him stare across the calm water to where the willow and oak trees stood motionless against the sunset. No, this was no new thing.

It was not hard to recall what the lake had meant to him years ago when he had come home from World War I under similar circumstances. He knew, too, how some of the men inside by the fire, younger than he was, had felt when they had returned to it only a few years before. And now the first man from Korea. Inchon and Pusan! He wondered if it had been anything like Belleau Wood and the forests along the Marne River.

An idea now began to push gently at the back of George's versatile mind. At



GOLDSTEIN

"Somebody call up the Royal Café and cancel the victory party!"

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first it was an idea which seemed repugnant. It brought with it a vision of his "tip" rising on the wings of six beautiful geese—geese which flew off unscathed into the winter sky while a young soldier, who had never been hunting before, was shooting and shooting in vain.

Still, the thought compelled him. He knew what he must do.

"Mister Sergeant," he said, "you think you'll be able to hit them ducks?"

"I don't know, George. I don't know too much about a shotgun."

"Mister Sergeant, come here a minute."

The soldier walked across the porch. The darky kept his voice low so that the people inside could not hear.

That night the sergeant from Chicago drew George's number out of the hat, and the members of Round-Pond were happy for him.

"He'll get his shots," said Dick Wiltshire, who had hunted often with George. Dick Wiltshire had drawn "Young Bill" but George was trying hard not to think of that.

The next morning looked good for ducks. A light breeze swept across the face of the lake. Stars still twinkled in a clear sky as the hunters mingled boisterously around the boat dock.

The soldier climbed into George's little flat-bottom boat and found a place to sit down among a multitude of wooden decoys. The old darky put one rubber-booted foot into the water and shoved off.

As the boat cleared the bank "Young Bill's" voice carried through the darkness.

"Mistah Dick and me will be the first ones back, George. We'll have some ducks for you to pick when you git in."

George grinned and didn't answer. He started the motor and soon they were down in the lower end of the lake where the line of timber broke suddenly into the cornfield. He cut his switch, drifting silently into the bank.

It was early. George knew the geese wouldn't be in for a while. If they came, they'd drift in from the river a little after daylight, right over the trees at the edge of the field. They'd probably swing over the corn several times before choosing a lighting spot. But they'd surely come in against the wind, and George made arrangements accordingly.

He had an old goose call in his pocket, and he had the idea that if he could get in the center of the field and give them just one hail as they came in, they'd have a chance. Too much calling would ruin it. He had no goose decoys. The best he could hope for was to attract their attention and pray they would swing down close enough for a shot.

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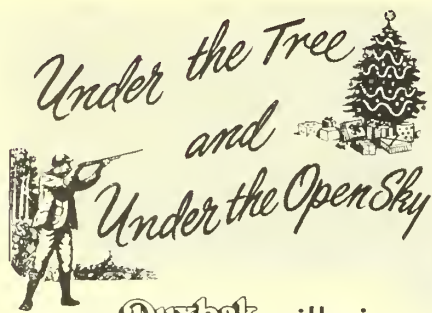
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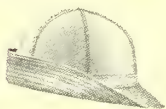




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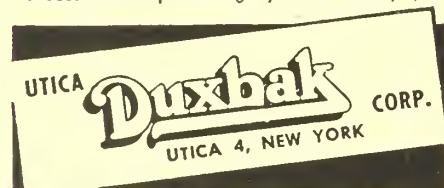


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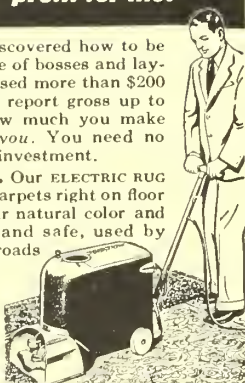
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them, their wings throttled back, looking for a place to drop in for breakfast. The soldier tensed.

"Not yet, Mister Sergeant. We'll get those boys later. Don't want to mess it up for the geese. They'll be in shortly."

They tied the boat and laid camouflaging cornstalks in it. Then they footed it to the center of the field, their gum-boots calf-deep in water all the way.

About the middle of the field the ground rose in a small ridge that cleared the water. On this George discovered a small hollow which when cleaned out was large enough for them to lie in and wait. By placing several scrubs of brush in front of them and pushing a few cornstalks into the ground around them he added to the hide's effectiveness.

The old guide was satisfied with the arrangement. If they kept down they would be hard to see from the sky. He hoped they would come before it got much lighter.

"Now Mister Sergeant," he said, reaching into his old hunting coat, "take these number four shells. You'll have a hard time killing geese with that duck load you're using. When they comes in here, don't you raise your head up 'til I tells you. Then lay that barrel right in front of the goose's head and come on up with it. I don't want to have to walk far to pick him up."

The sergeant laughed. George noted with pleasure a quick sparkle in his eye.

The waiting suddenly over, George first saw and then heard the geese coming.

"Down, suh!"

Over the tree tops they came, a fine flock of about ten. The leader was looking close. His head swung from side to side as he gabbled softly to his companions.

The old paddler bleated one time on the call and with hardly a visible motion of his hand dropped it into his pocket.

The bunch sailed in on stiffening wings!

A hundred, ninety, eighty yards!

"Ready, Mister Sergeant?"

George's voice was soft. His eyes were riveted on the geese, his face motionless. The sergeant's nose was so close to the mud he could smell it.

"Now git up and git you a goose," spoke George, still softly.

The soldier rose to a picture he was never to forget. The birds were in perfect position. He fired into the closest and it fell with a suddenness that awed him.

"Get another!" cried George.

The geese were past them now and beating for the heights with furied frenzy. The soldier swung above a climbing shape and fired. The second great Canada pitched into the shallow

water thirty yards away. A clean right and left!

The sergeant was beside himself. Jumping up and down, he leaped from the ridge and splashed after the bird in the field, whooping and hollering. George watched him, grinning.

The soldier had a good morning's shoot. Shortly after the excitement of the geese the mallards began coming in hungrily. He missed two shots all morning. By nine o'clock he had both limits.

George's little number "five" boat



"Well, Stickney—how does it feel to be the second man ever to reach the top of Mount Everest?"

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was the first back to the clubhouse dock.

By noon the other hunters had straggled in. Generally speaking, it had been a good morning's shoot all around. But only the sergeant had geese.

The members stood around in great reverence while he told his story again and again.

Dr. Ransom found George around back of the clubhouse picking ducks.

"George," he said, "that was a fine thing."

"What's that, Dr. Ransom?"

"Hell, I saw you slip that number five in the boy's hand when we were drawing for paddlers. That's the first time any geese have been taken here in four years. You knew they were here. You also knew that if you'd taken me or one of the boys you would have gotten a good tip."

With that Dr. Ransom hauled out his wallet. "Young Bill" who was sitting nearby and enjoying the whole performance, nearly dropped the duck he was picking. This was something Dr. Ransom just didn't do. He was seeing history made.

The doctor handed George a twenty-

dollar bill. He muttered something about "the finest thing I ever saw," turned around and strode off.

"Young Bill" studied the motionless features of George as the latter nonchalantly reached for another duck and began plucking away.

"You know," said "Young Bill," scratching his head, "I kind of think you had it figured like that all the time."

George laughed. He laid the head of the duck on the persimmon block in front of him and lopped it off with one long stroke of an old hatchet.

"Whoever told you you could figger?" he asked.

THE END

CARIBBEAN CANCER

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to Joseph Stalin for one minute after his death last March.

This is how it happened in Guatemala:

The communists gained their first foothold in Guatemala following the overthrow of the Dictator Jorge Ubico in 1944 by a mixed group of idealists, leftists, young military officers, and just plain revolutionaries. A junta, composed of two young army captains, Jacobo Arbenz y Guzman and Francisco Arana, and a civilian, Jorge Toriello, took over the government. The communists played a minor but noisy role in the revolutionary movement.

One of the first acts of the junta, to the surprise of everybody, was to hold free elections. The revolutionary parties joined to elect as president Juan José Arévalo, a school teacher who, after years in exile in Argentina, returned to Guatemala preaching a vague political and economic doctrine which he called "spiritual socialism."

Whether or not Arévalo is a member of the Communist Party — and that is still in some dispute — he certainly is the spiritual father of the communist movement in Guatemala. One of his first acts on taking office was to invite Vicente Lombardo Toledano of Mexico, head of the communist-dominated Confederation of Latin American Workers and spearhead of the communist movement in Latin America, to come to Guatemala and organize the workers. Lombardo did so, along strictly communist lines, very quickly and efficiently. As a result, the leaders of the communist-dominated unions soon obtained seats in the councils of the major political parties. This was Arévalo's major contribution to the communist cause.

Control of organized labor has been the basic source of strength of the communist movement in Guatemala from the beginning, and it remains so today. It is this voting strength that enables the communist leaders to make the deals with non-communist politicians so necessary to carry out their program.



From where I sit by Joe Marsh

PTA Gets Stung by a "Bee"

The local PTA is feeling sheepish today. Seems they complained the youngsters weren't learning enough. Said they couldn't even spell. So the kids challenged them to a spelling bee.

"I was captain of the PTA'ers," "Doc" Brown told me. "Both teams made the first round just fine. But on the second round Speedy Taylor went down on 'efficiency.' Then his boy Chip, who happened to be next on the school team, rattled it right off. From then on it was murder!"

So now "Doc" says that the whole PTA is thinking of signing up for night school!

From where I sit, it always pays to look and think before you leap to conclusions. Take those folks who would deny me a temperate glass of beer without a moment's thought. They wouldn't want me to interfere with their personal preferences for, say a glass of buttermilk. It's a good idea to think twice before you "spell out" rules for your neighbor.

Joe Marsh

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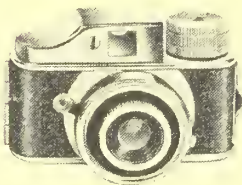
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Toward the end of Arévalo's six-year term in 1950 [Guatemalan presidents by law cannot succeed themselves] two candidates emerged to succeed him: Colonel Arbenz, who was then Minister of Defense, and Colonel Arana, Chief of Staff of the Army, both members of the junta that overthrew Ubico. Arévalo, the communists, and other extreme leftist elements threw their support to Arbenz. Arana, however, not only had the support of the Army and conservative elements but also enjoyed considerable personal popularity among the people of Guatemala.

A few months before the election Arana received a report from Arbenz of a cache of arms near Lake Amatitlan, about thirty-five miles from Guatemala City. Arana decided to investigate personally, and he so advised Arbenz. On the road to Amatitlan, his car was ambushed and Arana was murdered by two men with submachine guns. His chauffeur escaped, however, and made his way back to Guatemala City where he named as the two machine gunners, Captain Alfonso Martinez and a member of the Caribbean Legion, Francisco Morazan.

The murder of Arana left Arbenz virtually unopposed; and he won the election. One of his first acts on assuming the presidency was to appoint Martinez as his secretary. Martinez has since been elevated to the important post of chief of the Agrarian Department, and is regarded as the number-two man in the government with growing aspirations of becoming Number One. Morazan, the other alleged assassin, is serving as Arbenz' personal bodyguard.

Despite the scandal surrounding Arbenz' alleged participation in the assassination of Arana, many conservative Guatemalans viewed his election with

real hope, chiefly because of his Army background and his personal wealth. He is regarded even now as being motivated by political expediency rather than having any real sympathy for communist ideology.

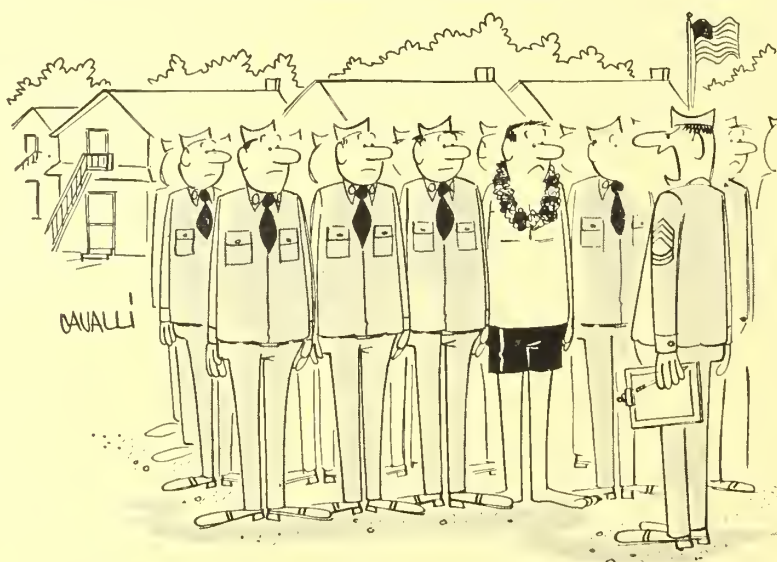
No one can deny, however, that Arbenz has done much for the communists. Under his regime, communist strength has increased steadily.

The four principal vehicles through which communists are functioning in Guatemala are:

- 1) the Labor Union Federation which they control completely;
- 2) the Agrarian Reform Law of June 17, 1952, passed under the encouragement of Arbenz;
- 3) the government-owned and controlled publicity outlets; and
- 4) the Guatemalan foreign office.

The Agrarian Reform Law of June 17, 1952, was drafted by the communist, Gutierrez, and pushed through by Arbenz as a result of a deal with the communists. As in China, "agrarian reform" is one of the communist goals. As late as last July, Jose Manuel Fortuny, the Guatemalan communist leader, writing in a Cominform newspaper published in Bucharest, demanded a broadening of the Agrarian Reform Law. He also called for throwing "American monopolists" out of Guatemala. He referred not only to the United Fruit Company but to the International Railways of Central America and the Electric Company of Guatemala. The Empresa Electrica Power Company was seized by the government a few days later.

Under the present "limited" Agrarian Reform Law, 225,000 acres of land owned by the United Fruit Company have been expropriated. Although the company protested that 80 per cent of its land was in use, and, therefore, not



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subject to seizure, all but 75,000 acres of United Fruit Company's holdings were expropriated.

Last June, the Agrarian Department reported that during the first year "110 government-owned farms were distributed to landless workers, 49 farms were set up as cooperatives for 8,000 persons and 61 farms totaling 430,000 acres were divided among 9,000 workers." Of the 300,000 acres of private land expropriated, approximately 75 per cent formerly belonged to the United Fruit Company. What had become of the Company's 11,000 workers, no one seemed to know.

The question of the legality of the agrarian reform program went to the Guatemalan Supreme Court last spring. When the Court ruled to halt the program until charges of illegality were studied by the lower courts, the communist-dominated congress dismissed the Supreme Court judges who had tried to suspend the Land Reform Law. Anti-communists demonstrated in front of the national palace in Guatemala City in support of the dismissed judges, and Guatemalan troops fired upon the crowd, killing one person and arresting many more for "disorderly conduct."

In Guatemala it is unpatriotic and "subversive" to be anti-communist!

The most effective propaganda outlets the communists have in Guatemala are the government-owned newspaper and radio station. Under the management of an avowed communist, Radio Station TGWA makes free time available to the Communist Party, communist-front organizations, and labor unions for propaganda purposes, particularly to indulge in hate campaigns against United States and U. S. investors in Guatemala. In its own newscasts and "educational" programs, the station follows the party line just as faithfully as does *Octubre*, the official party newspaper.

With equal fidelity the same policy is followed by *Diario de Centro America*, the government-owned daily newspaper. Its subservience to international communism is incredible. During the Korean War, the paper carried an alleged confession of a United States Air Force pilot who claimed he personally participated in bacteriological warfare over North Korea. This one comes straight from the Krenlin's propaganda kit!

The Guatemalan Foreign Office is in communist hands and utilizes its worldwide diplomatic network, especially the Guatemalan Embassy in Paris, to carry out Soviet espionage. Several Guatemalan ambassadors have been declared *persona non grata* because of their radical activities.

The communist influence in the Guatemalan Foreign Office is clearly demon-



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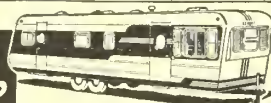
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strated in the actions of the Guatemalan delegation to the United Nations. Frequently and in connection with crucial issues, Guatemala will cast her vote in the United Nations on the side of the Soviet bloc and against the United States.

A dramatic example occurred in a large plenary session on January 26, 1952. The Soviet Union introduced a resolution calling for the abolition of the United Nations' Conciliation Commission for Palestine. Only Iraq and Israel abstained from voting, and, except for Guatemala, all the nations outside of the Soviet bloc followed the lead

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of the United States and Great Britain to reject the Soviet resolution. Guatemala alone voted with the five out-and-out communist nations, the USSR, Byelorussia, Poland, the Ukraine, and Czechoslovakia.

The communists are firmly entrenched in Guatemala and are proceeding to wreck foreign-owned firms, to bleed the country's economy, to infiltrate into neighboring republics, and to propagandize endlessly against the United States. What can be done about it?

To date, United States diplomacy has not been very effective. Neither the "talk tough and act soft" policy nor the "wait and see" policy has paid off.

What is needed is an organized effort in the Caribbean to fight the communist conspiracy, to disclose the falsity of anti-United States propaganda, and to demonstrate how prosperous these countries could be under wise capitalist leadership. Ironically, the policies of U. S. investors in Latin America have been very liberal in recent years; the communist success in smearing them is a result of the resentment at unwise policies of earlier years and the failure to publicize more recent improvements.

The basic reason for the success of the communists in obtaining non-com-

munist collaborators is the lack of understanding among all classes — even among the very rich — in Central America as to what communism is, what its real objectives in Latin America are, and of the extent to which their local communists are controlled by the Kremlin for the sole benefit of the Soviet Union. No sincere nationalist, however much he might hate the United States, would knowingly collaborate with the communists if he realized the incompatibility of the fundamental dogmas and policies of international communism with his own aspirations. Few politicians, no matter how venal, would enter into deals with the communists if they were aware that disruption of their economies and political and social chaos are the goals of the communists.

Perhaps the most hopeful recent development is the anti-communist stand of the Organization of Central American States from which Guatemala withdrew this spring. It provides a greatly needed rallying point for all anti-communists in that area, however diverse their attitudes on other subjects.

Within Guatemala the communists are not quite invulnerable. To all apparent purposes they control Arbenz, but he is said to be getting restive. Nor do they own Captain Alfonso Martinez, perhaps the coming strongman of Guatemala. He is a burly, affable young Army officer whose slow mannerisms are said to conceal a shrewd intelligence. He graduated first in his class from the Military Academy. He is regarded as courageous, completely ruthless — his alleged part in the Arana murder alone indicates this — and as motivated solely by the desire for personal gain. Both his friends and his enemies agree that he would turn against the communists in a moment if he thought it would be to his advantage to do so. His political ambition may lead to trouble between him and his old friend, Arbenz.

There is in Guatemala a strong, though loosely organized, anti-communist sentiment. This is particularly true in Guatemala City where communist candidates for the congress were defeated.

Although anti-communist in sentiment, the merchants of Guatemala City have been timid since 1950 when their demonstrations were punished by the Government. Fines up to \$2000 were levied on five hundred businesses, and the local Chamber of Commerce was banned as a subversive organization.

Since then the most vigorous opposition to Guatemala's communists has come from the poor but courageous and religious market women of Guatemala City. They and the students still are unafraid to march in protest.

THE END

COMMUNISM vs. CAPITALISM

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ination, inventiveness, initiative, stability, sobriety and thrift on which surplus wealth and general material welfare depend.

Anything which lowers the accumulation of surplus wealth, to be used in providing jobs for our people, lowers our standard of living. Take taxes, for instance. Excessive taxation automatically reduces our reserve for new and better tools for further employment at higher wages. Excessive taxation can convert our normal dynamic capitalism into a static capitalism and reduce us to that minimum subsistence that is the answer to the communist's prayer and the signal for red revolution.

Of course the owners of tools must receive a return to compensate them for their hard work and self denial. But since this is addition to their own wages, their total income is more than those who have not accumulated surplus capital. That is where class cleavage rears its ugly head. Economic class is set against economic class for political purposes.

Capitalism is said to "create" inequalities. But inequalities are an integral part of all animate life. Capitalism is blamed for unequal distribution of the national product. But human nature is the culprit. Nor does human nature change under communism. It is merely repressed by fear and violence. The Greeks had a word for it. They said: "If the persons be not equal, the shares will not be equal. And this is the cause of disputes and accusations when persons who are not equal receive shares that are equal." If two men would lift a weight, naturally the man who has accumulated a lever has an advantage over the individual who has only his hands.

Capitalism is said to have "created" poverty. On the contrary, capitalism created wealth. Thus it threw the poverty it inherited from previous systems into bold relief. Nor is it true that all capitalists are rich. There are penny capitalists as well as dollar capitalists. There are personal capitalists who own their home, their car, their radio and home appliances, just as there are industrial capitalists who own their factories. It is not that the poor are poorer under capitalism. It is that the rich are richer.

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It is further charged that capitalism exploits the workers. Of course it does! But who exploits whom? Owners and management do not exploit the workers as such. Owners, management, and labor—the whole kit and kaboodle engaged in production—are exploited by the customer. He is ruthless in his search for more and better goods and services at lower prices. Aren't we all?

In addition to its unprecedented ability to create economic wealth and to destroy political tyranny, capitalism is characterized by voluntary relationships. Under capitalism the owners control accumulation of tools and the workers control choice of jobs. Under communism the state controls both. Tools are owned by the state and jobs are assigned by the state. The state is the sole producer, the sole distributor, the sole employer. But the state is not the creator. That is the unforgivable sin of communism.

Communism rests on monopoly. It is total monopoly of the total lives of the people. Capitalism rests on competition. Competition is often called "cruel" because it rewards success and punishes failure. Rather it is just, and justice is interpreted as cruelty by those who seek an alibi for their own failure. Competition means that a man makes his living by giving to his fellow man a product that is better and cheaper than his competitor. His fellow man is both judge and jury of his worth as expressed in his product. Every capitalist, large or small, faces a continuous plebiscite of customers. Every sale is a vote for or against him. He is completely at the mercy of his fellow man—the customer. He is not at the mercy of the state, beyond adherence to fair trade practices.

Competition is a technique of production that released human energy to the uttermost for the first time in history. Capitalism is the New Order. It means personal reward for personal labor. Communism is the Old Order. It means reversion to the dark days of tribal man when all were responsible for each and benefactor and beneficiary were equally enslaved.

Capitalism is an economic system whose social counterpart is individual-

ism and whose political counterpart is a constitutional republic. Communism is an economic system whose counterpart is collectivism and whose political counterpart is dictatorship.

All organized society, whether voluntary or compulsory, is at the mercy of a relatively small group of men, whom we call the state. Whatever the state produces it must get from the people, the real producers. Whatever it gives away it first must take away from the people. Whenever the state assumes responsibility for support of some of the people it becomes an instrument of tyranny over all the people. It has access to no magic source of wealth untouched by human hands. Nor is it an impersonal mechanical device—but only a group of men.

In a capitalist republic these men are recognized as sharing the frailties common to universal human nature. Their powers and their terms of office are limited. In the slave society of communism the men comprising the state are considered supermen whose unlimited powers and unlimited terms of office are maintained by terror.

Government is necessary in organized society. But it is a necessary evil, having the sole power to use violence against the citizens. In a constitutional republic, government is restricted to doing for the people what they cannot do for themselves. It coins money, maintains armed forces, establishes treaties, directs foreign diplomacy, etc. It does not encroach on the private economic rights of its citizens.

These rights are threefold—the right to earn, to spend, and to save at the individual's discretion. Whenever the state controls one or more of these rights, capitalism is on the way out and socialism is on the way in.

In a free competitive economy the exchange of goods and services takes place between the two interested parties, buyers and sellers. Each can take it or leave it. There is no coercion, no cracking down, no hard feelings. Under the planned economy of communism the state steps in and arbitrarily determines the price, or condition of the bargain, by coercion, cracking down, hard feelings. From its decision there is no appeal.

Private economic rights are further destroyed by excessive taxation for political purposes. Whenever taxation exceeds the amount needed for legitimate operations of government, it becomes an instrument for redistribution of the wealth. It takes away from those who create and gives to those who only consume. No new goods and services are created in the process and soon inflation rears its ugly head as the spread between the supply of goods and the supply of money increases. In an infla-

tionary economy human misery is for sale. The price is a vote.

A by-product of inflationary policies is willful devaluation of the people's money. It is the quickest method of destroying private economic rights. Control of our money is control of us. Hard money — meaning money that is made of hard metal such as gold and is intrinsically valuable — is the hallmark of freedom. Freedom and gold have paralleled each other throughout history. Whenever the state forces the people to accept a worthless medium of exchange, such as paper, whose sole worth is the imprint or 'fiat' of the state, the people are deprived of their basic economic right — the right to gold.

Communist encroachment on the capitalism it is dedicated to destroy, gains momentum by price controls, by confiscatory taxation and by soft money. It attains its full stature of domination — "totalitarianism" — when the citizen is subjected to physical punishment for refusing to submit to violation of his economic rights expressly guaranteed by the Constitution.

Herein lies the difference between a democracy and a republic. The cause of the difference is economic. The effect is political. The communists call their states "People's Democracies" and many of our people call the United States a democracy. Somebody is wrong and that somebody is us.

We confuse the terms democracy and republic because we tend to identify them with our major political parties. Democratic Party does not necessarily mean a democracy and Republican Party does not necessarily mean a republic. The original Greek model of democracy was the Spartan collec-

tive. It was absolute state-ism. It was direct rule of the people with no limits on the powers of the state.

Rome, not Greece, gave us our concept of free government. Our United States was founded as a constitutional republic in which the people rule, not directly, but through their chosen representatives. These representatives were commissioned to deal primarily, if not exclusively, with political affairs. In recent years they have increasingly encroached on economic affairs and our form of government has increasingly approached that of our ideological enemies. A bloodless revolution has taken place and we have already made certain qualitative changes in our society that threaten automatically to achieve the goal of our enemies, i.e., to destroy capitalism, the source of all our freedoms.

It is high time to put the locomotive of revolution into reverse for capitalism must survive. Capitalism makes sense.

It rewards success and punishes failure. It penalizes the unfit — the lazy, the intemperate, the inexperienced — the man who says he can do anything means he can do nothing. Communism rewards failure and punishes success. It penalizes the fit — the industrious, the thrifty, the expert — the man who can do some one thing superlatively. Capitalism creates maximum wealth thus steadily reducing poverty. Communism diffuses minimum wealth thus spreading poverty thin. Capitalism aims at equality of wealth. Communism is equality of poverty.

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BIG BUCKS AREN'T KNUCKLEHEADS

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extremely dry, and beech leaves noisy underfoot. So I didn't move from my position. That was mistake No. 1. I should have checked that brushy bench.

Over a half-hour of silent watchfulness passed. Then along came a fox. The animal was a welcome diversion and I watched the little varmint with interest until it disappeared from sight. Then suddenly, a red squirrel scolded from somewhere behind me on the ridge.

Now when a squirrel sounds off it's smart to redouble your vigilance. It could be the little tattletale is only cursing another squirrel or a prowling hunter. On the other hand, it might be the big buck you're so anxious to get.

But instead of turning around and getting set for a quick shot to the rear, I glanced at my watch, noted the hour was almost up, and said to myself, "The boys are coming back." That fallacious assumption was boner No. 2.

When the squirrel chirred again I glanced over my shoulder and caught a flicker of movement behind screening brush some distance away. It looked like a man walking. No doubt about it now—it was one or the other of my friends. Then came the shocking surprise. Behind a narrow opening between two birches passed a really terrific buck. He was in full sight for two ticks of a clock, and then vanished behind some low evergreens. The big chance had come and gone. Old Buster, chased out of his hangout by our intrusion of an hour before, had sneaked home, unaware that deadly danger was lurking a few yards away.

The question then was what to do. Obviously there was no chance of sneaking across 40 yards of dry beech leaves without detection. I could only hope that the deer would move into sight of its own accord, or that the animal would be herded my way.

Neither happened. One of my pals spooked out the buck, but he didn't see the old bruiser and neither did I.

When I related what had happened, one of my friends commented, rather

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dryly, that he'd often heard about hunters who mistook men for deer, but that it was the first time in his experience that a deer had been mistaken for a man.

Most mental lapses in the deer woods are funny, perhaps not at the time but most certainly in retrospect. Mostly they're funny because they're so embarrassing. One such incident convulsed this writer on the occasion of an eastern Oregon mule deer hunt, although I didn't laugh at the time.

I was hunting in the Blue Mountains with a cattleman, a grand host and companion. We'll call him Jake, although that doesn't happen to be his name.

Jake was below me on a slope, perhaps 100 yards away, when the ka-thump! ka-thump! of running deer was heard, and it was plain the animals were coming my way along a trail. The rapping of a buck's horns on the branches of dead evergreen growth, which covered the mountainside in big patches, was plainly audible. But the trail forked just below me, and the deer ran past on my upper side, almost completely invisible because of the dead evergreens. All I caught was an occasional flicker of fast movement. It was close, but no cigar. I saw no horns, although horns unquestionably were there. But also there was a doe or two, and I wasn't anxious to clip the wrong animal.

Soon Jake came toiling up to my level. "Didn't I spook a big buck right past you?" he queried. I replied that he most certainly had done just that.

"Then why in hell didn't you shoot?"

I explained the situation but Jake was far from satisfied. He really told me off and ended up by saying that he'd hunted those mountains for a lifetime and had never shot a doe in mistake for a buck. Then we separated again, with Jake taking the uphill side. Five minutes later his rifle cracked sharply just above me.

"You get him?" I hollered.

"Damn right," he answered. "Come on up and help me dress the critter out. He's a big one."

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two of us walked over to the downed deer, where Jake suffered the embarrassment of his hunting career. On the ground was a fat doe, breathing her last! He'd actually seen a buck all right. But what had happened was this: Jake was in a bad position for a shot when he first spotted the animal, and decided to move a couple of steps. In changing position he'd taken his eyes off the deer briefly to watch where he was stepping, and during that interval the buck moved out of sight and the doe bobbed up.

What made the situation particularly amusing was that a high state game official was a member of our hunting party, and a strict "bucks only" law was in force. I kept Jake's secret and the doe was quietly transferred to the rancher's meathouse in the still night.

When hunting blacktails or white-tails, it is important to remember that both varieties are notorious skulkers, and that no mature buck of either species is disposed to step out into the open during daylight hours if he can get where he wants to go by sneaking through brush or concealing evergreens.

However, that rule doesn't always apply during the rutting season, when the lovesick, pugnacious animals often forget what mama and past experiences have taught them. Which explains why trophy hunters, who are more interested in horns than meat, take to the woods after a couple of hard autumn frosts have prodded the bucks to sexual activity. At that time the critters do foolish things and get into jams.

An example of this weakness came in the last hour of daylight on the last day of the season three years ago, when it seemed the clock was running out on an unsuccessful hunt. I'd seen plenty of deer, but nothing I wanted to shot.

On the way down a ridge, headed back to a canoe which would take me back to camp, I spotted two does feeding slowly up a brushy little gully. They were slightly below me and to one side, and right there I decided I was in a nice spot to shoot a buck, given the break which had eluded me for ten days. So I sat down and waited as the does fed away.

A few minutes later the flash of moving horns caught my attention and along came a buck on the does' trail, sniffing here and there like a hound as he moved along. It was so easy there wasn't anything to it. He went down in a heap when the .35 cracked.

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there wasn't enough fat on him to fry an egg. He must have been quite a deer in early October.

There is really no most effective method of shooting a prize buck. Some blunder into trouble on drives, but it doesn't happen too often. Old bucks know all about drives, and how to get through drivers or around them. Usually such gang hunts turn up does, fawns and small "meat" bucks, but few old stagers. When trouble looms, Grandpa takes off on his own. There's nothing chivalrous about him. He's looking out for No. 1, first, last and always.

The combination drive and still hunt works on occasion. Ordinarily that's a silent operation, with watchers posted irregularly, and with one or perhaps two hunters assigned the chore of zig-zagging through likely cover. Noise is avoided by all participants for two main reasons: First, because the strategy is not so much to drive the animals in any particular direction, but only to get them moving. Secondly, when silence is observed it's much more difficult for the deer to pinpoint lurking danger. And the silent drivers have as good a chance for a shot as the posted watchers, and perhaps better.

A skilled still hunter, working on newly-fallen snow, perhaps has the best chance of all. And in this writer's opinion that's the only satisfying way to hunt deer. The other methods are fun, but they don't afford the satisfaction of successful individual effort.

However, one of the most successful deer hunters of my acquaintance, a comic book bibliophile, has reduced the sport to an exact science.

His method is one of complete simplicity. His wife puts up a bountiful lunch on the eve of the hunt, including a quart vacuum bottle of black coffee, liberally spiked with a dollop of Old Busthead. Then our pal repairs to the village newsstand and buys a dollar's worth of 10-cent comic books.

Next morning, an hour before day-break, he's on his way to a likely area in the woods, where he picks a spot that affords protection from cutting wind and whizzing metal. There he lays out lunch, beverage, rifle, comic books and cigarettes; wraps up in a laprobe if it's cold, and settles down to a quiet day.

More active hunters cross and recross his view during the day, but he heeds them not except to note if they're pushing anything his way worth shooting. Eventually, of course, a luckless deer appears, and that's the ballgame. One shot and he's through for the season. So far there is no record that it ever took him more than three outdoor sessions with Tarzan and Flash Gordon to lay in his winter's supply of meat.

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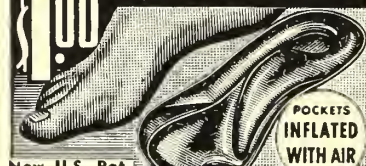
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HOW TO ENJOY A FIGHT AT HOME

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protective cup, the "no foul" rule is generally recognized in most States and Max Schmeling would not have been able to win the title from Jack Sharkey.

And so, over the years the rules have undergone drastic changes, some for the better and some for the worse. But now, under the far-seeing eye of the TV camera, the transformation toward uniformity has been speeded up. If, as Mark Twain had it, a difference of opinion makes horse racing, consider what it has made of boxing. In recent months a "rhubarb" has been the rule rather than the exception in headlined bouts, and the high-water mark in this deluge of petulance came when New York's Boxing Commissioner Bob Christenberry, reversed the verdict of his own duly appointed officials and gave Billy Graham the victory over Joey Giardello.

It was only temporary. Two months later Justice Bernard Bortin of the State Supreme Court reversed Christenberry.

If there was any lingering doubt that the scoring of a fight constitutes a highly technical and involved bit of business in this day and age, then the Graham-Giardello hijinks removed it. Even the commissioner didn't know his own rules.

Shortly after Lone Changer Christenberry was nabbed by Justice Bortin in the Graham-Giardello robbery case, it was decided that uniformity was sorely needed.

Not that this decision hadn't been reached before, and several times. But this was to be a new and concentrated effort. Abe Greene, New Jersey boxing head, was appointed chairman of the NBA committee which, through the summer, sought to devise a scoring system which would meet with the approval of all commissions within the NBA domain. Finally approved by the NBA it's scheduled to take effect January 1st. Still to be seen, however, is how many states adopt the new code which follows pretty closely the Minnesota Ten-Straight system.

Christenberry's legal fiasco also pointed up the fact that the public's enjoyment of fisticuffing might well be enhanced by a little knowledge or know-how; a clarification of scoring systems backed up by some household hints for interpreting the antics depicted on the video screen.

To begin with, the video addicts see (1) only what the camera shows them, which, being a straight-ahead, no-depth-perception stationary eye, all too often portrays only a small part of the action and (2) only what the fans themselves want to see, meaning a victory for the gladiator of their choice.

And, to further snafu the situation, there are so many approaches to the problem and so many differences of opinion as to how a fight should be scored that in the second edition of the Archie Moore-Joe Maxim light heavy-weight championship last Summer in Ogden, Utah, it took the officials two-and-a-half days just to decide how it was to be decided.

The TV sponsor wanted it one way while the International Boxing Club, promoters of the bout, wanted it another. The State of Utah wisely did not press its own referee-only, round-by-round system, well remembering the bitter dispute which followed Rex Layne's conquest of Ezzard Charles in that territory. That was the one in which the third man, Jack Dempsey, called seven of the ten rounds even and awarded the victory to Layne, two to one.

Finally, under the urging of Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of *Ring Magazine* and *Ring Record Book*, widely hailed as Mr. Boxing, it was agreed Moore and Maxim would fight under the New York system of round-by-round but with points, on an 0-4 basis, to be tallied a la Gotham in case of a draw.

Moore came out the unanimous winner amid such unanimity of opinion as to make all at ringside feel that officialdom had found utopia at long last. The judges, Fleischer and Frank Shulsen, and the referee, Ray Miller, were in complete accord on 11 of the 15 frames. In three other rounds the vote was 2-1 for one fighter and only in the final round did the officials disagree on all three scorecards.

It was wonderful—as far as it went. But it didn't go much beyond the confines of the arena in Ogden. For all along the coaxial cable the fans blazed at the official decision. The verdict from the TV fans—"Maxim was robbed!"

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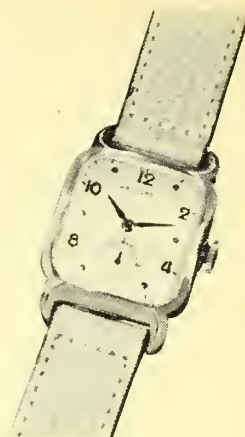
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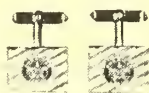
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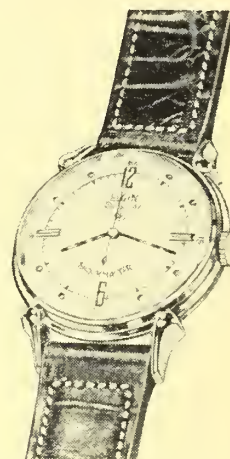


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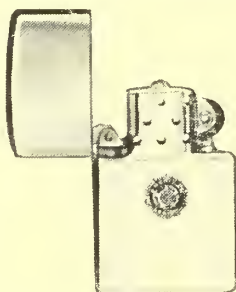
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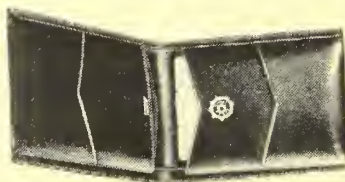
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operational features, is considered more or less basic for judging fights. Here is how it works, from the Rules and Regulations of Boxing, Page 33 of the New York State manual:

“(1) clean hitting; (2) effective aggressiveness; (3) defense and (4) ring generalship. At the conclusion of a round, each official must score each contestant’s performance on these four items, and if the boxer is just slightly superior to his opponent one point must be scored and the score of zero posted for his opponent . . .”

"If clearly superior, two points; if overwhelmingly the winner of the round, three points; and a completely one-sided round, with one or more knockdowns, four points."

Some States and municipalities subscribe to round-by-round tabulation only, with no points, notably New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and Cleveland, and Montreal and Miami Beach. Wisconsin uses the Eagan 0-4 plan but with no round-by-round. In Jersey, the referee is the sole arbiter, although Abe Greene, who is state as well as the NBA commissioner, recently persuaded the State Legislature to amend the boxing laws enabling him to use judges if he so desires.

Montreal uses three judges with the referee not casting a vote. So does Cincinnati. New York has been contemplating this procedure of giving the already overworked ref a relief.

Illinois has the Ten-Point Split or Breakdown system, with a draw round scoring at five points to each boxer and graduating upward according to the superiority demonstrated. A slight edge is 6-4 and the margin never goes above 8-2 on the theory that a 9-1 round would be stopped by the referee anyway. Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma and Toledo use this method.

Although the Illinois Commission's script writer is somewhat more verbose, here, too, the rules advise the ref and judges to base their scoring on (1) clean hitting and (2) aggressiveness. But Illinois ranks sportsmanship next in importance, deducts points for lack of same.

Item No. 6 in this particular set of instructions is a good one. It states that "points shall be deducted when a contestant persistently delays the action by clinching, holding and lack of aggressiveness." The public wants action and in this era when the vast majority of every fight audience is unseen but heard, the demand for the same is stated in no uncertain terms.

The third of the major scoring methods in vogue is the Ten-Straight system.

with the winner of a round credited with ten points and the loser proportionately less—10-9, 10-8, etc. It is used in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Oregon, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Washington, D. C., Coral Gables and Miami. Point penalties are applied under this system, three being subtracted for a low blow or other major foul; one point for each minor infraction.

George Barton, who heads up the Minnesota boxing body as well as the NBA, has instituted several innovations which, ultimately, may meet with universal acceptance. An old-time boxer and referee, and a nationally known boxing reporter, Barton's ideas pack a punch in the legislative arenas. One of them calls for the use of three referees, each officiating two fights on a six-bout card and judging four.

All are former boxers with years of refereeing experience and, naturally, are not handicapped by what Barton terms "rabbit ears" as are so many laymen judges, who often are swayed by the crowd.

California applies the Australian 11-point system as do Nevada, Colorado, and Washington. An even round is 5½-to-5½. A close round, with a winner, is 6-5 and so on up to a spread of 8-3, the widest margin allowed.

Confusing fistic matters for the viewer even further is the local option system of scoring in Florida and Ohio. As previously noted, Toledo uses the Illinois Ten-Point Split and Cleveland the round-by-round. But Cincinnati and Connecticut operate on a Five-Point-Must style under which the winner gets five points and the loser 4, 3, 2, 1 or 0.

But there is uniformity on some major points of ring etiquette. Three knockdowns and out, except in championships, now is used almost everywhere (except in Mass. and Calif.) while the mandatory eight count on knockdowns, also waived for title bouts, is universally accepted. The NBA States (and there are 41 of them) hold that a fight ending between rounds, with one boxer unable to answer the bell for the next round, automatically becomes a knockout in the round coming up.

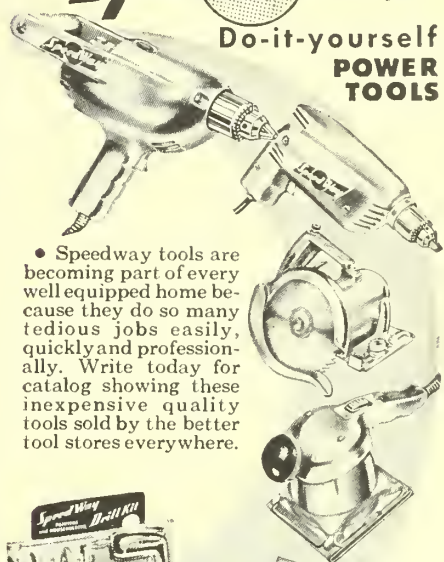
But in New York the knockout reverts to the round just completed, unless the bell sounds. This has led to some lovely disputes.

Still, we would be the last to knock the value of controversy as a means of keeping the pot boiling. The "long count," Roy Riegels' wrong-way Rose Bowl run; Fred Merkle's failure to touch second base . . . and thousands of other "incidents" have inflamed the enthusiasm of sports fans over the years and like incidents will continue to do so, we hope, for a long time to come.

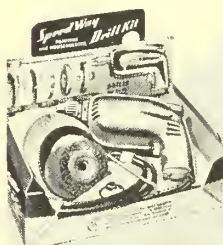
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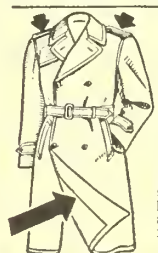
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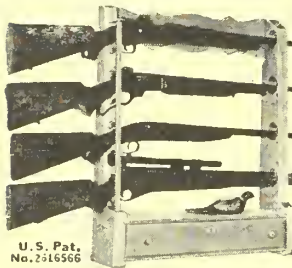
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John Adams of San Francisco, also from Drs. Edwin Amyes and Seymour Perry of Los Angeles, the latter concluding: "Stellate ganglion block is the most effective treatment yet found for acute cerebral blood clots."

Nevertheless, many remain unconvinced. Three Mayo Clinic men, Drs. Clark H. Millikan, John S. Lundy and Lucian A. Smith, recently questioned the treatment in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. "Results of this treatment have not been better than those obtained in a group of patients not receiving stellate ganglion block," they reported and presented Mayo statistics in support. The authoritative medical annual, *Current Therapy 1953*, recommends the block only while the thrombosis or embolism is actually taking place.

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If the hemorrhage is massive, as in the case of President Roosevelt, death may come swiftly. This is unusual. While aneurysms (blood vessel sacs), varying in size from a pea to a plum, may form in the brain at any age and break devastatingly under stress, most hemorrhages are small. There may be only a slow leakage of blood dammed by an embolism or thrombosis. Only a few tiny arteries and capillaries may

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have broken down. Damage may not be enough to cause the patient to lose consciousness or to have the mishap recognized as a stroke.

The last is unfortunate. The patient may spend money in vain on psychoanalysis and other therapy for relief of the personality changes resulting from the strokes. His family may also demand that he "snap out of it" and perform tasks that should not be required of anybody who has had a stroke.

But doctors are much better equipped now to determine exactly what has happened in the brain. Blood in the spinal fluid differentiates a hemorrhage from a thrombosis. A form of X-ray examination called angiography reveals more. In this a dye is injected into the carotid artery. A quickly made X-ray picture then shows the blood system of the brain. The wonderful electro-encephalograph, which records electrical impulses of the brain, and new radioisotopes with an affinity for brain tumors also help to a proper diagnosis.

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Even the surgical conversion of a

vein into an artery to reroute blood in the brain has been reported by Drs. Charles F. McKhann and Claude S. Beck of Western Reserve University. This involved connecting a blocked artery to an adjoining vein, the lower end of which had been tied off, and using it to revive a portion of the brain. All of these are very serious operations.

What can you do to avoid a stroke? You can, first of all, have a thorough annual physical examination, perhaps on your birthday, that will include your blood vessels, your blood pressure and your heart action. Strokes do not come entirely without warning signs. The principal of these is high blood pressure.

Approximately one out of every four individuals with blood pressure of 200 or over eventually may have a stroke, reports Dr. Harry J. Johnson, medical director of the Life Extension Examiners, an organization of doctors which has made nearly three million health examinations, many of them of executives for the companies employing them. Early detection of high blood pressure, with the opportunity to reduce it, is one of the valuable things you can get out of a periodic health check-up. In doing so, you reduce your chance of having heart attacks as well as strokes.

In addition to high blood pressure, Drs. R. D. Taylor and Irvine H. Page, then of Indianapolis, in 1945 charted five further premonitory symptoms of stroke. These are severe aches in the back of the head and neck, dizziness or fainting, motor or sensory nerve disturbances, nosebleeds, and, finally, certain hemorrhages in the retina of the eye. Anybody with high blood pressure



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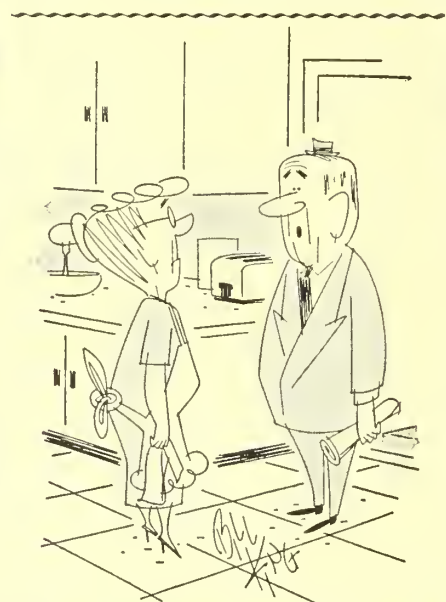
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and four of these five symptoms, said the Indianapolis doctors, could be expected to die from cerebral hemorrhage within ten months to five years.

The causes of high blood pressure remain in dispute but doctors have come up with several methods of controlling it that have proved successful in appropriate cases. These include: 1. Avoidance of overweight and strain of all kinds; 2. Various diets such as the rice diet of Dr. Walter Kempner of Duke University; 3. Surgery, the severing of nerves which constrict the arteries; 4. Drugs, some of which at least



"He said he was sorry he had to let me go but to tell you that they're putting on a couple more cleaning women Monday."

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temporarily relax the blood vessels. Researchers are hopeful of developing a drug that will control high blood pressure with the sureness that insulin controls diabetes. One of the most promising is hexamethonium chloride. While it may cause constipation and various side effects, this drug may be taken orally as well as injected.

Of 58 patients, all except 11 responded favorably to hexamethonium, Dr. John H. Moyer and others of Baylor University reported in 1953. "Cerebrovascular disease and heart disease seem to be particularly benefited by a reduction in blood pressure with hexamethonium," said their paper. A similar drug, hydralazine, remarkably derived from a rocket fuel, also is attracting attention.

Besides calling a doctor, what should you do when somebody has a stroke in your home or office? A hospital is the place for anybody who has just suffered a stroke but, if medical help is near, you had better wait for it before attempting to move the patient. While waiting, you can raise his head and

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shoulder on a pillow. This will prevent mucous clogging the air passages and may reduce the pressure in the brain. Do not attempt to rouse the patient. Protect him from chill and keep people with colds away from him. Oxygen tents, intravenous feeding and all the other services that may be required by an unconscious patient can best be performed in a hospital. Antibiotics, which defeat infections that formerly killed many stroke patients, can best be administered there.

There will be ample opportunity for the patient's family to show its devotion in the often long period of rehabilitation that follows. The most unpromising patients sometimes come through. Dr. Wingate M. Johnson of Wake Forest College recorded a 45-year-old stroke patient so helpless that he had to be fed by tube for 10 days but who recovered, except for a slight limp and was active until his death from pneumonia at 91.

Great advances have been made in the treatment and retraining of stroke patients by institutions like The Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation headed by Dr. Howard A. Rusk at the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, New York's Goldwater Memorial Hospital and The Veterans Administration. Carrying out the largest medical service in the world, the Veterans Administration is also treating the largest number of stroke victims. Special exercises, water and electric devices are employed to restore function to limbs and teach undamaged brain centers to take over the tasks from those that have been injured.

Of 165 such patients at the Veterans Administration hospital, Louisville,

Ky., after an average treatment of six weeks, 135 were discharged to return home. Although paralyzed, 71 improved to the extent that they could walk unassisted, 39 were able to walk with a cane. Upon returning home, 12 were able to work full time, 23 were able to do light or part-time jobs, 54 could do odd jobs and were almost independent of any care, 21 could walk but were dependent on others, 17 were limited to the wheel chair, 8 were bed patients (5 of whom could perform such self-care duties as combing their hair and feeding themselves) and 3 were wholly dependent. Many of these patients were not only able to live but were able to earn a living, thanks to modern team rehabilitative methods.

An important element is the patient's own courage and desire to regain his skills. It is humiliating for a man to have to learn to speak again, to have to teach his left hand to do what his right did, to have to learn to tie his shoes, to have to spend hours shifting marbles from one bowl to another. He needs all of the encouragement that his friends and family can give him. They should emphasize what he can do, not what he cannot.

When Louis Pasteur, the French scientist already mentioned, was stricken with a cerebral thrombosis, his condition seemed so hopeless, that construction was stopped on a laboratory that the government was building for him. Pasteur noticed and declined rapidly. His friends appealed to Emperor Napoleon III who ordered construction resumed. Pasteur then began to recover and in the new laboratory conquered rabies and half a dozen other diseases.

THE END



"Noah!"

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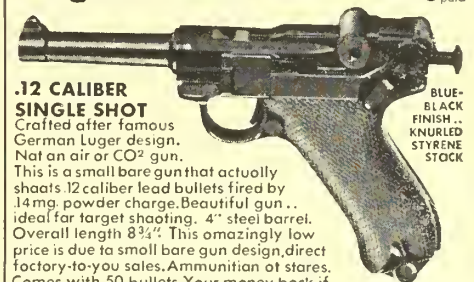
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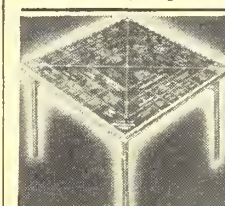


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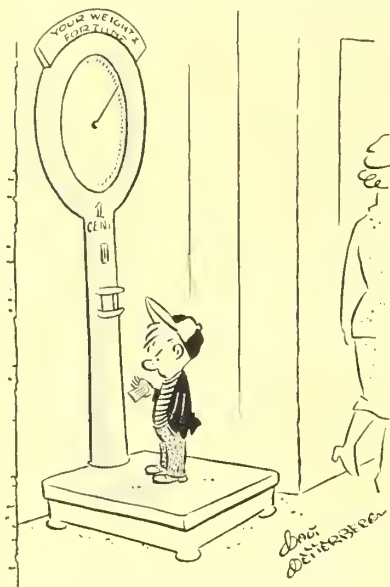
The Jones' Fault

A woman appearing in court blamed with bitterness her financial troubles on her neighbors.

"I don't understand," said the judge perplexedly. "What have your neighbors got to do with it?"

"Well," explained the woman, "they're always doing something we can't afford."

HAROLD HELFER



"You are inclined to spend money foolishly!"

Plenty Soar

*New non-stop records
Of plane and pilot
I find unimpressive
And merely smile at.*

*For, swatter in hand,
I have spent the night
Waiting in vain
For a fly to light.*

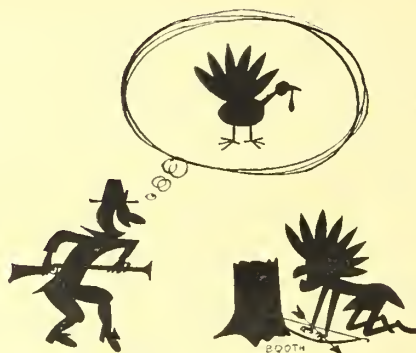
RICHARD ARMOUR

Just Like The Sarge Said

The Sarge had been riding the pants off this skinny little buck private from Brooklyn, out on the drill field in the blazing sun.

The kid just couldn't get the "hang" of the bayonet thrust into the dummy. There was no kick to his jab, and even we rookies had to admit he looked pretty bad out there.

"Get in there and jab! He ain't gonna bite you!" The Sarge's bellow roared across the drill field. "Make believe he's yer worse damn enemy! You hate his guts! He ain't no friend of yours! Jab the hell out'a him!"



PARTING SHOTS

The kid tried it once more. You could see his lips stretched tight across his teeth. You could tell he was burning up inside. He took a good run. He plunged the bayonet through the dummy with such force, he almost ripped it from the mooring ropes.

The Sarge swaggered up to him, hands on his hips. "Now that wasn't so very difficult, was it?" he said patronizingly.

"Naw!" the kid said, looking him straight in the eye. "It was just like you said, Sarge. All I had to do was make believe that there dummy was you!"

EDWARD G. CLASSEN

Beware

A man who hurses around a lot usually ends up a groom.

MORRIS BENDER

Necessary Needle

As the cross-country flight started, two strangers sitting together started to talk.



"You need nerves of steel around here—never know when she'll burst in with a screech."

"It's extremely difficult to be well dressed," said one of them. "It seems that every time I put on a clean shirt, there are some buttons missing. What do you think I ought to do?"

"You should do one of two things," replied the other. "Either get married or get divorced."

DAN BENNETT

Lips Serve Us

*Germs in a kiss? A parade of 'em!
But only a coward frets;
To prove that we ain't afraid of 'em
Let's!*

BERTON BRALEY

Aquatic Mathematics

Two fellows in Mississippi were recounting feats of physical prowess. One, by way of proving his strength, said he was accustomed to swim across the Mississippi three times before breakfast every morning.

"Well," said the other, "that may be all right, but it do seem to me that your clothes would be on the wrong side o' th' river all th' time!"

MONT HURST

Supply Science

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SHANNON FIFE

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They tell of a screen star who was unable to obtain a divorce. She couldn't prove to the judge that she was married.

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